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A SECRET?

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HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1931.

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FOURTH DAY OF RACES.

Winner of the Ladies' Purse.

CHAMPIONS FAVOURITE.

The weather was slightly overcast at Happy Valley this morning, but nevertheless there was a fair attendance for the first race. There is every prospect of good times.

Cyclamen Bay took the first event as expected, winning comfortably, giving Mr. Hill a very good opening for his ride in the Champions.

Mr. A. J. P. Heard, who has won the Ladies' Purse for the past two years, has the mount of the Dunbar's entry Glenegles. The public were divided between Apollo and King's Bounty.

In the Ladies' Purse Apollo got the jump at the start, and was followed by King's Bounty all the way round. There was never much doubt about the winner, but Apollo had just about shot his bolt at the finish. Mr. Heard on Glenegles was left a little at the start. He made up ground coming past the Black Rock, but was never really in the race at all. Crown Prince was out of it from the start.

The time, 1 min. 47.2/5 secs., was 1.1/5 secs. better than Adam's record last year.

1.—The Grand Stand Stakes.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of one Race 5 lb. of two or more Races 7 lb. extra. Subscription Griffins of this Meeting—winners no penalty; non-winners allowed 10 lb. (Jockey allowances). Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.

L. Dunbar's Cyclamen Bay 150 lb. (Mr. Hill) 1
Aitch Aitch's Valorous 155 lb. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 2
K. H. Kay's Eros 158 lb. (Mr. Clark) 3

Ho Kom Tong's Britannic Hall 153 lb. (Mr. T. L. Wong) 0
Dr. S. To Wong's Bronze Eyes 155 lb. (Mr. Backhouse) 0
L. Dunbar's Champagne Day 155 lb. (Mr. Reidy) 0

Mrs. Dunbar's Little Beaver 155 lb. (Mr. Sokoloff) 0
Mrs. G. A. Harriman's Paul Fry 158 lb. (Mr. Harriman) 0
M. I. L. L. Sanction 155 lb. (Mr. Charles) 0

Wong Ping-shun & Chan Tin-sun's Thunderous Stag 158 lb. (Mr. Quincey) 0
Won by 1 1/4 lengths, 1/2 length. Time: 1 min. 30 secs.

Parl-mutuel.—Winner \$9.30; Places, 1st 5.70; 2nd 7.80; 3rd \$8.10.

2.—The Ladies' Purse.—Presented, \$500 added for Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner at this Meeting other than Subscription Griffins 5 lb. extra. (Jockey Allowances). Entrance \$10. Once Round (about 7 Furlongs 55 Yards).

Chan Tin Son's Apollo 154 lb. (Mr. Quincey) 1
Dynasty's King's Bounty 163 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2
L. Dunbar's Glenegles 158 lb. (Mr. Heard) 3

Mackie and Grayburn's Pickle 158 lb. (Mr. Sokoloff) 0
Prince's Crown Prince 155 lb. (Mr. Frost) 0

Toeg and Priestley's Gay Crusader 158 lb. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0
Won by 3 lengths; 2 lengths. Time: 1 min. 47 2/5 secs. (record).

Parl-mutuel.—Winner \$5.60; Places, 1st \$5.10; 2nd \$5.10; 3rd \$5.10.

Selections.

[By "Wombat"]

3rd Race:—
Misamis.
Azalea Leaf.
Mr. Chang's Mount.

4th Race:—
Fortune Bay.
Daylight Eve.
King's Stable.

5th Race:—
Kilrea.
The Raindrop.
Queen Regent.

6th Race:—
Hawatha.
Boxing Eve.
King's Stable.

7th Race:—
Jan Stewer.
Duke of Brittany.
Good Day.

8th Race:—
Christmas Frolic.
Monterey Bay.
Lobster Bay.

HAVE YOU WON?

Lucky Numbers in Cash Sweeps.

TO-DAY'S DRAWINGS.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club's annual race meeting cash sweeps held to-day resulted as follows:—

Race 1.
No. 535 \$1,647.80
" 525 470.80
" 83 235.40

Unplaced runners (\$50 each). Nos.: 491, 505, 662, 602, 587, 236, 321.

Race 2.
No. 13 \$2,065
" 88 590
" 282 295

Unplaced runners (\$50 each). Nos.: 604, 145, 743.

FEBRUARY RAIN.

Record of rainfall during February, 1931, at the Botanic Gardens:—

Date	Inch
Feb. 3	.01
" 4	.07
" 5	.02
" 6	.01
" 7	.01
" 8	.03
" 9	.02
" 10	.02
" 11	.02
" 12	.04
" 13	.01
" 14	.21
" 15	.06
" 16	.24
Total	.74

News in Brief.

The wedding took place in St. Peter's Church this morning of Gladys McLennan, of 2, Felix Villas, to Detective-Sergeant R. J. Clarke, attached to the Criminal Investigation Department of the Police. The bride was given away by Sergeant Clemo, whilst Detective-Sergeant M. Flaherty was best man.

The s.s. Gange (12,272 tons), Lloyd Triestino Line, arrived from Singapore this morning at 5.30 o'clock, having completed the journey from the Straits in 90 hours.

Two Chinese cases of typhoid fever were reported yesterday.

9th Race:—
Diana Bay.
Hetman.
Sitting Bull.

10th Race:—
Armony.
Bridge Hall.
Blue Boy.

11th Race:—
Coronation Eve.
Jill.
Vasylock.

12th Race:—
Tunney.
Fi Fa.
Scrapitt.

THREE DAYS' ANALYSIS.

Winning Jockeys.

Y. S. Chang 8 2 5
Hill 5 0 1
Quincey 3 1 1
T. L. Wong 2 5 3
Clark 2 2 2
Pote-Hunt 1 4 8
Sokoloff 1 3 4
Heard 1 2 5
T. Y. Tung 1 2 3
G. U. da Rosa 1 2 2
Stanton 1 0 0
Bramwell 1 0 0
S. N. Pan 0 2 1
H. C. Pih 0 2 1
Proulx 0 0 0
A. A. R. Botelho 0 1 0
Soares 0 1 0
Charles 0 0 1
Lobel 0 0 1

One dead heat.

Winning Owners.

Dynasty 7 4 8
Hall & Shenton 5 0 0
L. Dunbar 4 4 3
Mrs. Dunbar 2 2 2
Chan Tin-sun 3 1 1
Ho Kom-tong 2 3 2
Mackie & Grayburn 2 2 2
L. P. F. 1 2 5
Widcombe 1 1 0
John 1 0 2
W. T. Stanton 1 0 0
Sturt & Lobel 1 0 0
Parkson Chan 1 0 0
L. Boly 1 0 0
K. H. Kay 0 2 0
Fung & Tang 0 2 0
A. A. R. Botelho 0 2 0
A. H. Carroll 0 1 2
T. P. T. 0 1 2
Chau & Chan 0 1 1
Kong Bros 0 1 1
Toeg & Priestley 0 1 1
Proulx & Bing 0 1 0
Mrs. R. M. Austin 0 1 0
Eve 0 1 0
Lewis & Tinson 0 1 0
Aitch Aitch 0 0 3
Cocktail 0 0 2
Artik 0 0 1
Lau & Lee 0 0 1

One dead heat.

SLAVERY & FORCED LABOUR.

Experts Appointed for Liberia.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Rum, Yesterday.
The League of Nations Committee appointed to consider what assistance could be given to the Liberian Government in carrying out the recommendations of the International Commission of Enquiry into slavery and forced labour held its final session in London to-day with Lord Cecil in the chair.

The Committee decided that the advice of technical experts in administering and financial and health matters is necessary to draw up a concrete plan of assistance. It proposes that experts should proceed to Liberia to study the present situation in close touch with the Liberian Government. They will examine the administrative, public health, and financial assistance necessary to give effect to the social reforms suggested by the Commission. They will also consider the expenditure involved by their proposals and make a survey of the resources available for carrying them out.

The Liberian Government has undertaken to afford the experts every facility and assistance.—British Wireless Service.

Experts Named.

London, Yesterday.
The Liberian Committee of the League of Nations has decided to invite M. Brunot, a prominent French official, who has great administrative experience; M. Lightart, a prominent banker from the Dutch Indies, as finance expert; and a health expert to be designated by the health organisation of the League, to draw up a concrete plan of assistance to the Liberian Government.—Reuter.

SPLIT IN LABOUR CABINET.

Sir Charles Trevelyan's Resignation.

REASONS NOT DIVULGED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party was attended to-day by Sir Charles Trevelyan, who explained his reasons for resigning from the Government and later announced that he would not make a personal statement in the House of Commons.

The Prime Minister, who presided, described as entirely unacceptable the Liberal amendment to the Trades Disputes Bill which was carried in the Standing Committee of the House of Commons. Following this meeting the Attorney-General announced in Committee the decision of the Government to withdraw the Bill.—British Wireless Service.

SINGAPORE BASE.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ABOUT \$2,772,000.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Alexander said that the total expenditure in the Singapore Base, including the floating dock, which had been met from Navy Votes, to date was approximately \$2,772,000.

The date for the completion of the main works under the Jackson contract was September, 1935.—Reuter.

EMPIRE RUBBER.

LORD PASSFIELD NOT TO APPOINT COMMITTEE.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, at question time, Dr. Shields said that it was not Lord Passfield's intention at present to appoint a Committee to examine the rubber situation in the Straits Settlements or Ceylon or to initiate a review of the circumstances under which the Stevenson scheme was removed.—Reuter.

VICEROY AND GANDHI TALKS.

Satisfactory Agreement Reached.

GOOD NEWS AT LAST.

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The talks between Gandhi and Lord Irwin ended at 1.30. An agreement was reached and will be reviewed and confirmed to-day.

The agreement, which it is hoped will lay the first stone of the edifice of Indian peace was followed by a day of intense activity, in which notable obstacles in the path of peace were cleared away.

Besides the salt agreement a provisional settlement was reached on the question of the restoration of Congressmen's confiscated property which the Executive Council approved with a minor alteration, in regard to the extent to which such property may be restored.

Nature's Gift.
It is understood that the agreement between Sir George Schuster, and Mr. Gandhi provides that people living on the sea coast will be allowed to gather, manufacture, and sell salt, which will be regarded as Nature's gift to them.

The acknowledgment of this principle is unlikely to interfere with the Government salt monopoly, under which the Government can still supply salt to the major part of India.—Reuter.

GREAT BRITAIN AND EXTRALITY.

Discussions Resumed in Nanking.

MINISTER'S VISIT.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister in Peking, arrived in Nanking on Sunday and during his visit to the seat of the National Government discussions on the question of extraterritoriality will be pursued. Preliminary conversations with the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs have already begun, and it is hoped that a settlement of the whole question may result.

The present British policy in China is based on the Memorandum of December, 1926. The Memorandum recognised that, with the stabilisation of political conditions, extraterritoriality could not be maintained. The negotiations in 1929 were interrupted owing to internal troubles culminating in the civil war but when at its conclusion it appeared that the Nanking Government was firmly established the time appeared ripe for their resumption. Accordingly in September last Sir Miles Lampson presented a draft agreement to which Chinese Government replied in December with a counter-draft. These documents have been carefully studied and have prepared the way for the present negotiations which have begun on assumption that the Chinese Government now controls the internal situation.—British Wireless Service.

EUROPEAN GRAIN SURPLUS.

The Interests of the Dominions.
The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. Graham, questioned on the recent conference in Paris on the existing European grain surplus, said that the final act declared, inter alia, the willingness of the countries importing foreign grain to participate to the utmost possible extent in the purchase of stocks available in the grain exporting countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

Having regard to the interests of the Dominions in the matter the British representative did not feel able to associate himself with these declarations. Since then a report has been made to the Commission for a European Union, emphasising the importance of consulting the overseas countries. An early opportunity for an exchange of views with those countries may be provided by the Conference of International Institute of Agriculture in Rome on March 26.

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VIEWS ON NAVAL PACT.

British Prime Minister Satisfied.

"A HAPPY AUGURY."

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Prime Minister, in a telegram to the President of the French Council, Monsieur Laval, and to Signor Mussolini, expressed his great gratification on learning that the problems left over by the London Naval Conference had been settled by agreement subject to the concurrence of the other Governments represented at the Conference. He adds: "I consider the result of these long negotiations to be a happy augury for the settlement of problems which will confront the general Disarmament Conference in 1932. This agreement, if finally reached, will set the seal upon the friendly relations between the British Commonwealth of Nations on the one hand and four countries with which such cordial collaboration was established during the London Naval Conference.—British Wireless Service.

Paris, Yesterday.
M. Briand was in a felicitous mood in addressing the Chamber on the subject of the Naval agreement, the best thing about which, he said, was the fact that it represented give and take and left no bitterness.

M. Briand paid a tribute to Italy for doing all possible to reach satisfactory results in the interests of peace.
He added: "There has been friction between the two nations, perhaps aggravated by a polemical discussion, but never has there been grave arrière-pensée in the minds of the French and Italians. The agreement creates a propitious atmosphere for the continuation of the negotiations for complete agreement."—Reuter.

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Swiss Cotton.
NEW TARIFF OPERATIVE NEXT WEEK.

Berno, Yesterday.
With the object of helping the Swiss cotton industry, which is at present encountering a "very serious crisis," a new tariff, effective on March 10, increases the duty on cotton goods from 25 to 18 per cent.—Reuter.

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DEATH OF BRITISH NOTABILITIES.

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SIR ANDREW BALFOUR.

Death has removed several well-known figures in the public life of Great Britain. The most recent is Sir Andrew Balfour, the famous physician, whose name will always be associated with the progress in the knowledge and treatment of tropical diseases. At the time of his death, at the age of 67, Sir Andrew was Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, a position he had occupied since 1923. During a great part of his professional career Sir Andrew's attention had been devoted to tropical diseases. Educated at George Watson's College and University, Edinburgh, Cambridge and Strasbourg, Sir Andrew, after a number of academic successes, he was Cragg's Prize in Tropical Medicine in 1906 and Mary Kingsley Medalist Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, served as a civil surgeon in the South African War in 1902 he became Director of the Khartoum, being also Medical Officer of Health, and he remained in Khartoum until 1913, when he returned to London. On the outbreak of war he joined the R.A.M.C. with the rank of Lieut-Colonel. In this capacity he served in the Mediterranean War Area as a member of the Medical Advisory Committee, in Mesopotamia as President of a similar committee, and in East Africa as Scientific Adviser to the Inspecting Surgeon-General B.E.F. Sir Andrew was a member of the Colonial Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee and from 1920 to 1927 he was President of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. He also served in Bermuda and Mauritius. Sir Andrew was a prolific writer. He found time to write a number of novels and short stories but his most notable publications were on medical subjects, such as Health Problems of the Empire, War Against Tropical Disease etc.

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LIMITED, will be held on WED-
NESDAY, the 11th day of MARCH,
1931, at the BOARD ROOM of the
Company, Second Floor, Exchange
Building, Hong Kong, at 11.30 a.m.,
for the purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the Board of Directors,
for the Financial Year ended 31st
December, 1930, and re-electing
Two Directors and the Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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4th to the 11th MARCH, 1931,
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Dated this 11th day of February,
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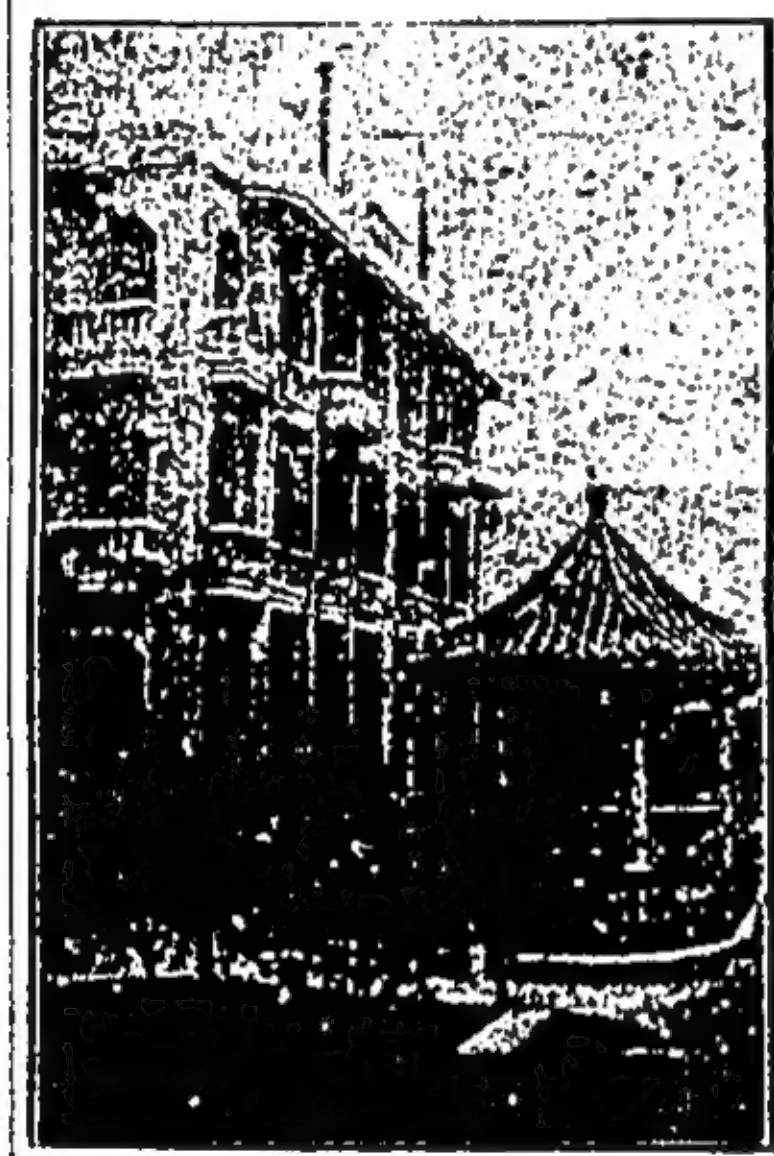
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURS-
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NOON, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the Directors,
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1930.

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to THURSDAY, the 19th March,
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Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND
ELEVENTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in the Company will be held at
the Office of the Company, 1,
Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong
Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th March,
1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose
of receiving a Report of the Direc-
tors, together with a Statement of
Accounts, and Electing Directors
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of
the Company will be CLOSED from
FRIDAY, 20th February, 1931, to
THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931,
both days inclusive, during which
period NO transfer of shares can
be registered.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FORTY-SECOND
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
will be held at the Company's
Offices, P. & O. Building, on WED-
NESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11
a.m. for the purpose of presenting
the Report of the Directors to-
gether with a Statement of Ac-
counts to 31st December, 1930,
and electing Directors and Audi-
tors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS
of the Company will be CLOSED
from 5th March, 1931, to 18th
March, 1931, both days inclusive,
during which period no Transfer
of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
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Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

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ANNUAL MEETING of Sharehold-
ers will be held at the Offices of
the Company, Exchange Building,
Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria,
Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the
18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30
a.m., for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the Directors for the
year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1931,
to WEDNESDAY, 18th March,
1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD
STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the THIRTY-FIFTH
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
of the Shareholders in the Com-
pany will be held at the Com-
pany's Town Office, 2, Lower Al-
bert Road, on WEDNESDAY,
18th March, 1931, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with State-
ment of Accounts, declaring a
Dividend and re-electing Directors
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
7th to the 18th March, 1931,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD
STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE RE TRANSFER
OF SHARES.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested
to note that no "New Issue"
shares will be transferred until
after the Transfer Books have
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By Order of the Board of
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Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

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1931.

February 28, March 2, 3, 4,
and 7, 1931.

ON SATURDAY, February 28,
the first race will be run at
1.30 p.m., and on all other days at
11.30 a.m. On the first day the
first bell will be rung at 1 p.m.
and on the other four days at 11
a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES &
ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they
and their ladies must wear their
badges prominently displayed.
No one without a badge will be
admitted to the Members' Enclo-
sure.

Badges admitting non-members
to the Members' Enclosure and
Club Rooms at \$10 per day, includ-
ing tax—or \$40 including tax for
the Meeting (ladies \$5 and \$20,
respectively), are obtainable
through the Secretary upon intro-
duction by a Member, such Mem-
ber to be responsible for all chits,
&c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Club.

No pretext will children be
permitted in either enclosure dur-
ing the first four days of the Meet-
ing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the
Public Enclosure is \$4 per day in-
cluding tax for all persons, includ-
ing ladies, and is payable at the
Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform
are admitted to the Public Enclo-
sure at \$1 per day, including tax.
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within the precincts of the Hong
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the Members' Enclosure except for
passing through on their duties,
but must remain in their employ-
ers' stands.

Any persons found loitering
with Servants' Passes in their pos-
session will forfeit the same and
will be removed from the enclo-
sure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
CLUB.ANNUAL RACE MEETING,
1931.

THE TIFIN INTERVAL on the
Last Four Days will be taken
after the Fifth Race on Each Day.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 25, 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
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THE FINAL DIVIDEND declar-
ed for the Year ending 31st
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ling at exchange 1/1½ is payable
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tion, where shareholders are re-
quested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
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Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1931.

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LINDBERGH ON
FLYING.The Difficulty of
Prediction.

AIRPORTS.

New York, Jan. 4.
Col. Charles A. Lindbergh,
whose New York-to-Paris flight
is generally credited with ac-
celerating interest in aviation in
this country, talked to-day of the
future of flying and, more parti-
cularly, how it is likely to affect
the average man.

In response to a request by
the United Press, Col. Lindbergh
outlined several tasks that must
be accomplished before the aero-
plane becomes an every-day fac-
tor in the life of the average per-
son. He disclaimed any power of
prophecy and pointed out that in
an industry that is changing as
fast as aviation, no one can pre-
dict precisely what will happen.

He believes airports are playing
and will continue to play a most
essential part.

"Before we can expect to have
a great number of aircraft used
by private owners," Col. Lind-
bergh said, "we must find ways
for flying to take a place in the
every-day life of the average man.
One of the first essentials is to
have airports within what might
be called a short taxi-ride from
the downtown district."

Private Flying.
He pointed out how flying by
private individuals is making its
greatest headway, per capita, in
section of the country like Texas
and Oklahoma, where there is less
congestion and where cities are
farther apart. Col. Lindbergh
was asked whether the aeroplane
ever was likely to become as com-
mon a means of transportation as
the automobile.

"The automobile," he declared,
"is used as an essential in the
average person's business while
travelling between his home and
office. We cannot expect the
aeroplane, in a period of a few
years, to fit into their lives that
way. The private aeroplane is
still a luxury to a majority of the
people. The automobile is a ne-
cessity. Aircraft must be re-
duced in cost, made easily to fly,
and they will have to become an
essential routine of life before
they will be sold in numbers
which can be compared, even in a
small way, with automobile sales.
However, I believe the use of pri-
vate aircraft by businessmen will
increase each year and that as
time goes on the plane will be-
come a necessity to many people
as part of their everyday life."

Trunk Airlines.
The tendency on trunk air-
lines, Col. Lindbergh believes,
will be toward larger planes. In
that connection, he pointed out
that airlines are carrying more
passengers than they were a year
ago. Big planes are practical, he
said, and expressed the opinion
that it would be entirely feasible
to fly the Dornier DO-X across
the ocean under proper conditions.

Col. Lindbergh considers glid-
ing a very good way for begin-
ners to obtain primary flying
training. The average person
can learn to fly a glider for about
\$100, he said.

"Where the terrain is favour-
able," he said, "soaring gliding
is not only good training but an
excellent sport."

Auto-Gyro.
Col. Lindbergh regards the
auto-gyro as an interesting de-
velopment showing many possi-
bilities. He said that its ability
to descend almost vertically and
without danger of stalling should
be of great value in making flying
available for people who cannot
devote the time necessary for a
long course of training.

In discussing such tragedies
of the air as the R-101 fire, he said
there were many dangers attend-
ant on flights of new aircraft.

"The fact that an aeroplane or
an airship is the largest or the
newest," he said, "does not mean
that it is necessarily the most
efficient or safest. We must ex-
pect new types of aircraft manu-
facture regardless of the size or
experience behind their construc-
tion, to be more susceptible to ac-
cident during their initial test,
than smaller and older types
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DR. EINSTEIN IN
CALIFORNIA.Life in Other
Planets.

RELATIVITY & RELIGION.

Dr. Albert Einstein has arrived
to Pasadena, California, from San
Diego to spend six weeks in rest,
seclusion and research as the guest
of California's own savants.

A simple, kindly philosopher in
homespun is this intellectual giant
whose mental playthings are the
vast universes far beyond the com-
prehension of his fellow-men. He
revealed this in an interview when
he parried the inquiries now with
a crisp academic reply, now with
a gem of wisdom sharply tinged
with humour.

"Do you believe your theory of
relativity will ever be simplified so
as to be readily understandable?"
he was asked.

"It will be, I think," his wife,
who interpreted for him, replied,
after repeating the question. "One
day it will be expressed in the same
sense as Newton's law of gravita-
tion."

"Do you agree that belief in
evolution does not necessarily imply
disbelief in religion?"

"There is no conflict. It all de-
pends on what constitutes your view
of religion—your faith."

Resigned at last to the ordeal of
being interviewed, the scientist
grew serene, and with serenity
came his sense of humour. Some-
body asked him if he proposed to
make any new scientific announce-
ments while in California.

"Thought is not like politics," he
replied, and his eyes twinkled
merrily.

Someone ventured the question as
to whether other planets of the
universe are inhabited by mankind.

"Men?" Einstein's eyes twinkled
again. "Other beings perhaps, but
not men."

Einstein's chief interest while he
is in Pasadena, he explained, will
be the playing of a part, as it were,
in the scientific life of an American
University and the discussion of
matters pertaining to his own
branch of science in a more in-
timate and personal way than would
be possible by correspondence. He
said he intends to go immediately to
work on experiments to determine
the influence of the earth's rotation
on the propagation of light.

A vital interest in Dr. A. H.
Michelson's approaching studies of
the velocity of light was expressed
by the scientist. The velocity of
light, he pointed out, is fundamen-
tally important to relativity.

"The tunnel Dr. Michelson has
built in Santa Ana," Frau Einstein
stated, "will be a valuable adjunct
to the Professor's work. And the
new telescope on Mount Wilson—
that must be a great attraction to
any astronomer."

"Does Dr. Einstein look forward
to studying through the telescope?"
she was asked. She looked to her
husband for an answer. When
given it, she replied:

"He is not an experimental ob-
server. He is a theorist."

Asked if the Pasadena scientists
he is about to meet included any
who understand thoroughly the re-
lativity theory, Einstein named Dr.
Paul S. Epstein.

"Contemporary Americans," he
stated, "have contributed to every
form of scientific investigation all
over the world. Moreover they are
giving serious attention to co-
operation in a peaceful and friend-
ly way between those who are follow-
ing pursuits."

Unwarily enough he turned the
subject towards war, and when
pressed for a comment, he said un-
less something is done "against this
horrible thing war, it may come."
It is not a matter of "waiting," he
declared, but of "acting."

"World peace," he added; "Yes,
it is possible—that is, with the
proper organisation among nations
and fostering of the right ideals."
—Singapore Free Press.

STANDARD TIMES.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong
Kong for March 1931, Stan-
dard time of the 120th Meridian.
East of Greenwich are as fol-
lows:

Date	a.m.	p.m.
	Sunrise	Sunset
4	6.43	6.28
5	6.42	6.28
6	6.41	6.29
7	6.40	6.29
8	6.39	6.29
9	6.38	6.30
10	6.38	6.30
11	6.37	6.31
12	6.36	6.31
13	6.35	6.32
14	6.34	6.32
15	6.33	6.33
16	6.33	6.33
17	6.32	6.33
18	6.31	6.33
19	6.30	6.34
20	6.29	6.34
21	6.27	6.34
22	6.26	



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ATSUTA MARU	Thursday, 25th March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
KAGA MARU	Wednesday, 11th March.
GENOA MARU	Friday, 27th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
BOKUYO MARU	Wednesday, 22nd April.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	
KANAGAWA MARU	Tuesday, 14th April.
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TAKEITOYO MARU	Thursday, 12th March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.	
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
PENANG MARU	Sunday, 8th March.
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BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Sumatra Maru	Fri.	6th Mar.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHAKA via Singapore & Colombo.	Panama Maru	Tues.	3rd Mar.
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Sydney Maru	Fri.	6th Mar.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Tacoma Maru	Thurs.	5th Mar.
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NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Hokuroku Maru	Thurs.	19th Mar.
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The report of the representative council of the Officers (Merchant Navy) Federation for the year 1930 states that during the year under review the membership of the federation has been increased by the accession of the Merchant Service Guild of Australasia and of the Straits Merchant Service Guild. The number of federated officers has thus been increased, as well as by a very marked increase in the number of officers protected by federated organizations. The number of federated officers is now considerably in excess of 12,000, and the federated organizations comprise: The China Coast Officers' Guild, Marine Engineers' Guild of China, Merchant Service Guild of Australasia, Navigators and General Insurance Co., Ltd., and the Straits Merchant Service Guild. Membership of the federation is still open to all bona fide organizations which exist for the protection of the interests of Merchant Naval Officers.

The report proceeds:—It has been suggested that some organizations are remaining outside the Federation because of the financial liability they might incur in the unlikely event of the federation being wound up. The representative council, following its policy of removing every possible obstacle which may stand in the way of complete professional cohesion, have obtained from an old-established British insurance office of high standing a quotation to cover such liability. The smallness of this financial risk involved by societies joining the federation is such that the whole of such liability as might be incurred by the largest organization at present outside the federation can be covered for the nominal annual premium of £1 in full. Individual federated officers have no liability whatsoever.

It is authoritatively stated that 1930 has proved a year of unprecedented depression in the shipping industry, with the result that unemployment among officers has been very serious. Nevertheless federated organizations have been directly responsible for obtaining employment for over 1,000 navigating and engineer officers during the year, but it is regretted that 820 navigating and 80 engineer officers still remain on the records of the federation as unemployed. The majority of these officers are ineligible for State unemployment benefit.

The Two Conventions.
In view of the importance of the Safety of Life at Sea and Load Line Conventions, it is considered advisable again to refer to them, and the present position arising therefrom. In 1929, as

the result of an International Conference held in London, the leading maritime Powers of the world agreed to the terms of a convention, the effect of which, if adopted, would be to establish uniform regulations in matters affecting the safety of the world's shipping (and the lives of seamen) such as lifeboats and life-saving appliances, sub-division of ships, wireless equipment, and the like. A similar conference was held in London in 1930, which agreed to a convention which, if ratified, would establish International Load Line regulations.

The adoption of these conventions by the maritime nations of the world would undoubtedly mark an important step forward, and conversely, the failure to ratify, would, in authoritative opinion, preclude the possibility of international agreements being successfully negotiated in the shipping industry for many years to come. By a curious irony, the only organized opposition appears to come from two or three of the smaller officers' organizations in this country on the relatively unimportant issue of helm orders.

The question of helm orders has been prominently before the British shipping community since 1928, and as a result of very careful observation, the representative council of the Officers' Federation is of the opinion that it is untrue to say that the officer personnel are showing deep concern in the matter at all. The average number of officers interviewed at the Federation offices daily is 40, and it is interesting to note that in 1930 less than 20 officers of themselves raised the matter of helm orders in their discussions at federation headquarters. It is found in conversation, when once the matter has been raised, that there is a very large number of officers, both senior and junior, who hold the view that the suggested reform is long overdue, although the majority of officers express the view that of themselves they would not demand a change. When, however, it is authoritatively stated that the ratification of these two important conventions depends upon the acceptance of the direct helm order system by British officers and seamen, we have found that less than a dozen officers have persisted in their view that the old-time order should be maintained even at the expense of wrecking the conventions, so beneficial to them in other respects.

Chart Corrections.

For several years past those responsible for the direction of the Officers' Federation have urged that reforms in the matter of chart corrections are long overdue in the interests of masters and officers, owners, marine superintendents and underwriters. We suggest that in those companies in which charts are corrected on board (under conditions which will allow the navigator the undisturbed time necessary for the important duty of chart correction) or by a special department of the company on shore, that no reform is necessary.

We merely put forward what we submit is a most reasonable suggestion, that in cases where owners spend money in sending charts to firms of chart correctors, that they and their masters and officers shall be protected to the extent of receiving the firm's assurance that the work for which they have been paid has, in fact, been done. We suggest that in such cases the firm of chart correctors should impress upon the back of each corrected chart the name of the firm and the date of their scrutiny.

Our suggestion has been before the Board of Trade and the Hydrographic Office of the Admiralty and the Chamber of Shipping for some time, and we have good reason for believing that the importance of the subject may again acquire considerable prominence in the near future.

During the year the Officers' Federation, together with other recognized societies, was invited to send witnesses to give evidence before a Committee convened by the Shipping Federation for the purpose of discussing officers' accommodation in ships. We have been favoured by the Shipping

Federation with a copy of the confidential report of the committee, and are glad to report that the whole of the suggestions put forward by the federation have been recommended for adoption in new tonnage.

R.O.T. Examinations.
The Officers' Federation during the past year has maintained close contact with Government departments in matters concerning the service, particularly the Board of Trade, in regard to the new regulations in force as from January 1 for the examination for masters and mates.

Following representations made, a number of concessions have been granted by the Board to officers, regarding the strict reading of the new regulations, notably to cadets and apprentices' qualifications in regard to age for 2nd mate's examination, and to junior officers in respect of qualifications for the 1st mate's examination. A most important concession was that whereby candidates who qualified under the old regulation by age and sea service before January 1, 1931, but will not be ready to sit until later, may take the examination in 1931 without additional sea service, but under the new syllabus, provided that before December 31 they lodge their application from Exn. 2 pay the appropriate fee and are accepted for examination.

In the case of a British captain who was fined on account of a breach of Customs Regulations at Burutu, British West Africa, the Officers' Federation took up the matter with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and was subsequently informed that a report had been received from the Officer administering the 'Government of Nigeria'. The case was reviewed by the Acting Chief Justice, and the conviction annulled. The fine of £5 which was imposed by a magistrate was returned, and the attention of the Collector of Customs to the fact that it is not the policy of the Customs Department to bring Court actions for simple breaches of the Customs laws.

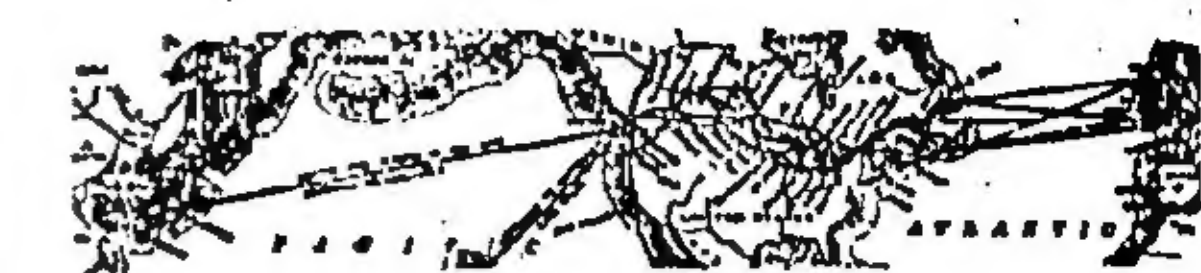
Upon receipt of a cable from the China Coast Officers' Guild at Hong Kong, regarding the transfer of flag of certain passenger ships operating in Chinese waters, representations were promptly made to the Colonial Office, and later a cable was received from Hong Kong to the effect that the combined efforts of the local guilds and Officers' Federation had proved successful.

The question of a general contributory pension scheme for officers throughout the service is one which has occupied the attention of the representative council of the federation for over two years. Progress is being made in drafting a scheme which, it is hoped, will be acceptable as a basis of discussion with shipowners' organizations and possibly with bodies representative of other interests in the shipping industry, when more prosperous times return.

In conclusion, the report remarks that the strength of the Officers' Federation is of the soundest quality; it exists essentially in the possession of a strong case; it exists in the public esteem which the service has acquired by centuries of loyal service in the ways of peace and war; it exists in a friendly Press and in an increasing recognition by shipowners, underwriters, and the travelling public, of the fact that valuable ships demand the skill of an adequately paid and well-conditioned officer personnel. The Officers' Federation has, despite the depression in shipping, already achieved much in promoting greater understanding between officers and shipowners, and has succeeded in no small measure in ameliorating conditions, even in these difficult times.

By its leading part in the successful representations to the railway companies for reduced railway fares, it has in no small degree improved the financial position of officers. With a continuance of the enthusiastic support of federated officers we believe that, given a revival in the prosperity of British shipping, it will be possible successfully to urge reforms in such matters as apprenticeship, leave, contract of employment, salaries and pensions.

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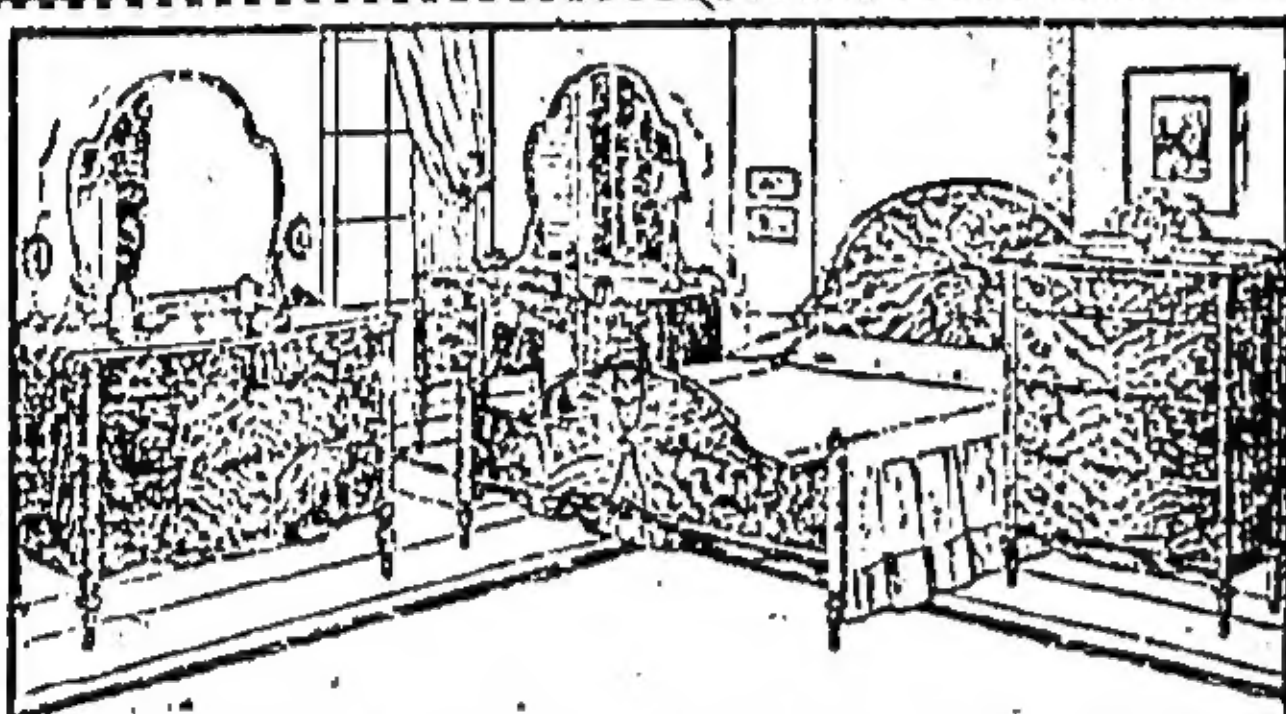
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FILM CENSORSHIP.

A writer in a Sydney paper makes a plea for a stricter code of censorship of films. Pictures are extensively patronised by children, whose immature intelligences are impressionable and more open to demoralising influences than those of adults. In censorship everything depends on the personal equation. What one censor may pass another may cut or entirely eliminate. With the growth of cinemas in Hong Kong it may pertinently be asked whether the code of censorship is too elastic and whether the time has not arrived to raise its standard. Censors are usually busy Government Servants and unwittingly they may pass a film that contains something undesirable from the point of view of juvenile audiences or even Oriental audiences, adult or juvenile. Naturally, the code of censorship here cannot have the same basis as, say, in Sydney or London. What has to be borne in mind is the probable effect of a film, or even of a small part of a film, upon the class of audience obtaining here. The task of censoring what has been approved at Home, or even in other Oriental cities, is no enviable one. But it may be asked—why should approval or disapproval of a controversial film be left to one individual? Why should there not be a Films Board, composed partly of Government officials and partly of private citizens with no pecuniary interest in cinemas or films? In one of the Straits Settlements

many years ago a controversy raged for some months on the subject of film censorship, owing to some quite unsuitable reels having been officially approved. The Police authorities countered all criticism by inviting three private citizens to co-operate. This scheme worked admirably whilst it was in force. The authorities were satisfied. The public was satisfied. A similar scheme might not be a bad thing for this Colony—indeed, it has great possibilities for good. As we have stated above, the growth of cinemas here is such as to make much greater inroads on the time of the official censor or censors. He or they cannot be blamed for passing something of which the majority of a cinema audience would disapprove. We have all at one time or another seen films which contained reels that made us wonder if a censorship existed at all! The matter of a Film Board or Committee is well worth considering.

MR. M. A. BAPTISTA.

FUNERAL AT ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY.

The funeral of Mr. M. A. Baptista, an old employee of the firm of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, whose death was reported yesterday, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

The Rev. Fr. L. Rossi conducted the burial service at the graveside. The chief mourners were the deceased's four sons, Messrs. R.D., M.F., A., and F. Baptista. There was a large and representative gathering of friends.

BROADCASTING WARNINGS.

Car That Shouts.

A novel use for radio on a motor car, enabling the driver to throw his voice several hundred yards ahead, has been devised by an Exide battery service agent at Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England. The apparatus comprises a microphone on the steering wheel, a four valve amplifier under the dash board, a loud speaker under the bonnet and batteries. High tension current is supplied by an Exide battery of 220 volts, the low tension for the amplifier being obtained from the starter battery. Pedestrians, cyclists and policemen are hailed by a voice which directs them to move to safety, to board the tram more rapidly, or intimates to the point-duty policeman the direction it is intended to take. Designed for publicity purposes, the talking car has proved so successful that it opens up wide possibilities in police work as it would enable the driver to ask a point-policeman the direction taken by a car being chased without slowing down, and also makes it easier to obtain a clear crossing at intersections.

HARNESSING POWER OF VOLCANOES.

Energy Utilised for Industrial Purposes.

SCIENTISTS' SUCCESS.

Volcanoes have never been of much use to mankind. Awake they are violent and incorrigible and do nothing but harm. Asleep and idle, they are endured, and men have been glad to let them lie. Yet to engineers it has long seemed a gross waste that the tremendous energy of these giants should not be harnessed and put to work. Of late, the men of science have given special study to the problem of taming the monsters and have even begun to succeed at the seemingly superhuman task. Already means have been found whereby steam from subterranean sources can be utilised for industrial purposes. In Italy electricity derived from volcanic heat is sent over wires to Florence, Leghorn, Plombino and other cities and towns for light and power. Borings for volcanic steam are now being made on the slopes of Etna, and also on the island of Culeana, which is one of the Lipari group north of Sicily.

A Concession.
The Lipari Islands are subsidiary peaks of Stromboli whose crater was supposed by the ancients to be the main entrance to Pluto's fiery realm. Volcano was the headquarters of the blacksmith god.

In Bolivia the Government has granted a concession for the use of steam from Mount Tatio, in the Sud. Lipos District, near the Chilean frontier. The volcano is to be made to drive turbine engines, which are expected to electrify all the Bolivian railroads.

Important as the development of the usefulness of volcanic steam has proved in Northern Italy, there are also great opportunities in the Yellowstone Park region of the United States. The geysers and boiling springs of that country indicate terrific temperatures to be found not far underground. In the so-called Fire Hole District the whole country seems to be burning. Doubtless the Yellowstone was the scene of tremendous eruptive activity not very long ago.

The engineers see great possibilities in the American national park as a source of cheap electrical power, the most attractive thing in the world to the manufacturer. Hence, perhaps before the end of the present century, new and prosperous industrial cities will arise in that part of the country, vitalised by electricity derived from the volcanic plants of the Yellowstone.

The requisite experimental work has already been done, largely, at least, in Italy. The Italian engineers have solved the chief problems. One important thing they have learned is that it will not do to use the volcanic steam direct for driving engines, because it contains corrosive chemical salts. They employ the subterranean vapour as fuel to make steam from pure water. To resist the corrosive action, the apparatus that handles the volcanic steam is provided with pipes of aluminium.

"JUMBO" PRACTITIONERS.

The Home of the Magicians.

MANHATTANS.

New York, Jan. 6.
The Island of Manhattan is well stocked with voodoo specialists, witchcraft doctors and humble jumbo practitioners, all pretending to cure ills of the heart, mind or body through incantation, according to officials of the Bellevue-Yorkville health demonstration, who announced a campaign against the evil in all its aspects.

New York, in fact, holds almost as many voodoo doctors as the island of Haiti. They prey principally upon the foreign element and their methods of curing disease are many and varied.

Strange Potions.

The witchcraft doctors have many strange potions to prescribe for their patients. A person suffering from perennial chills, for instance, might be given a saline composed of the following ingredients:

Hair off the right shoulder of a three-legged calf.

Oil taken from a 1918 model Ford.

Copper scrapings from a policeman's whistle.

Crushed pebbles from Buffalo Bill's grave.

The mixtures of medicines, concocted by the evil-eye doctors, are in most cases composed of ingredients as unbelievable as these, according to officials of the demonstration.

Rabbit's Feet.

In Harlem, it is said, a drugstore specialises in the sale of rabbit feet to superstitious negroes at a dollar per foot. The negro pharmacist, it seems, has an account with a chain of butcher shops through which he

RUSSIAN DRAMA.

ANDREYEV PIECE AT THE LITTLE.

"BETRAYAL."

London, Jan. 8.

If you want to see how extreme a Russian a Russian dramatist can be when he really puts his mind to it, go to the Little Theatre and see "Betrayal." And if you find Leonid Andreyev's play (as I find it) rather too earnestly Russian for your personal taste, you may be certain of compensation in the extremely powerful acting of Mr. David Horne.

Mr. Horne appears as one Dr. Kerjentzeff, a brain specialist, who, in the arrogance of intellect, carries out an experiment upon himself. He plans to murder a man whom he hates, and then, by pretending madness and a subsequent recovery, to escape punishment for the crime.

The murder is committed. The doctor is certified and put into an asylum. But here the brain that has carried him into his experiment betrays him, for he suddenly loses confidence in his own sanity. Is he, after all, pretending to be mad, or is he mad indeed? That is the question with which the play concerns itself, and to which it provides no definite answer. Personally I felt, after three acts of it, that I did not much care what the answer might be.

But I had no such detached feeling about Mr. Horne's acting. His picture of a man who, mad or sane, is hovering on the border-line between the two, spares neither himself nor his audience. It is violent and baldly realistic, but it is never crude or uncontrolled. The only essential that it lacks, for want of which it falls definitely short of being a really big achievement, is pathos. Mr. Horne moves us to horror, but cannot command our tears.

His company from the Cambridge Festival Theatre give him sound support. Miss Flora Robson shows fine quality in the last scene, in which the wife of the murdered man visits the doctor in his cell. Mr. Evan John, Mr. Roy Malcolm, Miss Margery Phipps-Walker, and Mr. Pascoe Thornton do well in smaller parts.—W.A.D. in London Daily Telegraph.

OLD VIC OPERA.

"FAUST."

London, Jan. 8.

"Faust" invariably attracts a large audience at the Old Vic, and Miss Margery Phipps-Walker, and secret of its success lies in a tale which combines so much humanity with every device dramatists and narrators have ever used to arouse our feelings, or in the music which is by turns, popular, polished, brilliant, or sincere. But whether the poet or the musician deserves the greater share of credit for the continued favour the opera has enjoyed, and still enjoys, there is no questioning the part played by the performers.

The Old Vic is, and has long been, a famous nursery of talent. Yet curiously enough, every singer who appears on its stage suggests vast stores of experience; they all fit in the general scheme so admirably. And our admiration grows when, as was the case last night, the performance repeats features which, in the main, are (or should be) known to every lover of opera in London.

Miss Joan Cross (Marguerite), Mr. A. Cox (Faust), Mr. F. Kelsey (Mephistopheles), and Mr. P. Austin (Valentine) were, no doubt, doing a task with which they have been familiar for some time. To the spectator the adequacy with which every demand of the composer is met, the slickness of the ensemble, the unanimity of thought and outlook are always new and surprising, and a never-failing source of delight. Mr. Corri conducted as usual, and the discipline of his orchestra was never more brilliantly justified than when the chorus missed a bar (in the prologue), the players following them as if they had been catching up erring choristers all their lives.

News in Brief.

The death occurred at her residence, 224, Wanchai Road, yesterday afternoon, of Mrs. Alaya Sooderam, wife of Mr. Soodin Sooderam, senior clerk in the Mercantile Marine Office, which he joined 38 years ago.

obtains as many rabbit feet as he can use. The actual cost to the druggist is negligible.

Some of the quacks actually maintain "temples" in which they perform their rites for curing broken hearts, ingrown toenails, tuberculosis and other ailments. They call attention to the practice of two so-called "professors" who spend approximately \$3,000 a month in advertising their abilities.—United Press.

EXECUTION MOB SCENES.

Woman Tells How She Killed Her Son.

Vienna, Jan. 13.

"I killed my son Sander. After he had drunk the poison it came into my mind what a wonderful voice he had. I remember when he used to dominate the singing in church with his rich tenor."

"As I waited for the poison to work I thought how nice it would be to hear him sing just once before he died. I asked him for my favourite love song."

"He sang it for me lying there, wonderfully, beautifully, with all the power and feeling of his young heart. Suddenly he broke off, gripped both his hands to his side, uttered one despairing cry 'Mother,' and lay still."

"He sighed once or twice and it was over. I laid him on the bed, folded his hands over his breast, and put on my mourning dress and went out."

Making Her Will.

This confession was made by Maria Kardos, the fifty-three-year-old prisoner from the village of Nagyrv, Hungary, who was executed publicly for her crime at Szolnok this morning.

The prison was besieged by a mob, and scenes recalling the storming of a fortress took place at dawn. Ladders were erected against the prison wall and dozens of men and women scrambled over the top. Windows and roofs of surrounding houses were black with onlookers.

Maria spent the last night making her will, leaving the tiny farm, the fruit of her crime, to a distant relative.

At six o'clock she was awakened and given a glass of brandy. A visitor was announced. It was young Stephan Todor, the lover for whom she had killed her husband and son. When the interview was over she was led away to death.

She had to be carried to the scaffold by the warders.

When the support of the platform fell there was a shout from the crowd, and Stephan Todor, the lover, who had stayed until the end, dashed screaming out of the courtyard into the street.

NEW CARDIFF BRIDGE.

End of 18 Months' Work.

The new bridge at Cardiff, which connects the city with the populous Canton suburb and which was to be opened just before Christmas, is the third to be erected since the days of the old wooden structures, the last bridge which carried all east and west bound traffic having gone down since 1859. The piers and abutments of the first stone bridge erected in the latter part of the eighteenth century are still in situ and have been utilised for the northern side of the new structure.

The new bridge, which is 250ft. long and 70ft. wide between the parapets, consists of four spans. The parapet is of Portland stone balustrades with pannelled dies carrying a moulded coping. The abutments are marked by ornamental pylons enriched by carved panels bearing the coat of arms of the City of Cardiff in high relief. The pylons themselves are designed to carry bronze electric light standards, a pair being attached to the face of each pylon. The new bridge forms a logical development of the Duke Street widening scheme carried out in 1926, and gives a carriage-way of 59ft. clear with two footpaths each 9ft. wide. The whole of the widening of 25ft. has been carried out on the northern side.

The work of rebuilding, which has cost approximately £20,000 exclusive of the approaches, has occupied nearly a year and a half, one-way traffic having been maintained over the bridge in the meantime. The new structure will add considerably to the aesthetic and architectural amenities of the city, and, with Cardiff Castle in the background, will form an impressive approach to the city from the western side, while the view northwards towards the Garth Mountain gives a delightful stretch of riverside and woodland beauty seldom encountered in the heart of a large town.

The bridge has been built by Mr. J. M. Broadfoot, contractor, Newport (Mon.), from designs prepared by Mr. G. H. Whitaker, the Cardiff City Engineer and Architect, and his staff.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of March 4, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/3 2/3. Owing to congestion, the old course at Fanning is to be closed to ladies from noon on Saturdays and all day on Sundays from March 12. The new course will remain open to them as usual.

NO CURE FOR INDIA NATIONALISM.

Public Opinion a Better Solvent.

"SOONER OR LATER."

Addressing the annual dinner of the European Association at Calcutta, Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, made the following statement:

It so happened that my five years of office coincided with what must in any circumstances have been a period of intense political activity, and no one knows better than I how great has been the help that during that time I, as head of the Government, have received from the European community. Especially has that been the case during the last difficult year.

From one quarter, general criticism that we hear is, of course, that there would have been no trouble, or that the trouble would have immediately disappeared, if only the country had what was called a "strong Government." I notice those on whose lips this phrase generally lies are often more unanimous in denunciation of the Government than in describing in exact terms the matters in which executive action falls short of their ideal—and I find a difficulty in ascertaining clearly what it really is they have in mind.

I am entitled to ask men and women of sober judgment why those who represent the local governments and the Government of India, and who together represent a good deal of varied Indian experience, must be supposed to have forfeited, because they hold official positions, whatever may have been their natural endowment of common sense and why they, applying their minds day in and day out to the problem how best to combat the threat of civil disobedience, are more certainly all wrong than their critics, who have not the same facilities for information, and therefore have not the same opportunity of forming conclusions.

"Off With His Head."

The truth, I fancy, is that such critics are firm believers in what I call the practicability of short cuts. In "Alice in Wonderland,"



"Miss Gustule, can you cook?"
"Yes, I can open sardine tins."
—Pages Gates, Yverdon.

as you remember, the Queen had only one way of settling all difficulties, great and small. "Off with his head," she would say, without even looking round, and that policy, translated into terms of real life, will always offer powerful attractions when men are impressed with a disturbance that is caused by particular agitators and believe that a speedy and effective remedy lies ready to hand in the shape of vigorous executive action.

I definitely do not share the view that any Government action, however drastic, will or can be as powerful a solvent of these troubles as will be the gradual force of public opinion, which must sooner or later awake to the fact of how mistaken is the course that the country is invited to pursue.

The conditions, for example, of prosperous and friendly commercial intercourse are always dependent upon Government action, and however emphatically we condemn the civil disobedience movement—and nobody can feel more strongly than I the harm that it has done and is doing to the cause of India—whatever powers we find necessary to take to combat it so long as it persists, we should, I am satisfied, make a profound mistake if we under-estimate the genuine and powerful feeling of Nationalism that is to-day animating much of Indian thought. And for this no simple, complete or permanent cure has ever been or can be found in strong action by the Government.

Before this movement started I formed the definite view—which everything that happened since has only reinforced—that it would no doubt be possible to apply a far more ruthless policy of repression than anyone has yet suggested; and after a space of time, be it short or long, to create a desert and call it peace.

I do not believe any man can doubt that so far from facilitating the accomplishment of the principal purpose of Great Britain, which is to lead India to self-government and retain her as an

equal contented member of the Imperial family of nations, such action, even if otherwise feasible, would on the contrary aggravate your task quite indefinitely and probably destroy any hope of bringing it to a successful issue.

The Government has a clear duty to maintain the law and resist attempts to substitute another authority for its own. But, if the Government is wise, it will remember that by the extent to which these things are only symptoms of underlying causes they call for different treatment.

The Other Extreme. At the other extreme is a line of criticism, which denounces the Government as a repressive enemy of all true progress in national feeling. The answer to this charge against the Government policy has so often been made plain that I must ask forgiveness for re-stating it once again. The fact that civil disobedience claims to rest upon the harmless gospel of non-violence has not prevented its rapid development in a positive challenge to constituted government and a grave menace to the good order of the whole body politic.

Those who have summoned from the deep this spirit of law-breaking in support of a so-called non-violent movement do not escape responsibility when their gospel leads ill-balanced minds to resort to methods of violent terrorism, of which you have had experience in Calcutta and Bengal during the last few weeks, in such crimes as the murders of Mr. Loxman, Inspector Mukerji, and lastly of Colonel Simpson.

It is always within the power of reckless miscreants to take the lives of their fellow-men and to inflict untold pain and sorrow upon those who hold these lives dearer than their own. But action of this kind will not deter men, who know their duty, from its performance, any more than it will deflect on the one side or the other the judgment of those, with whom rests the responsibility for considering and framing the political structure of the future.

No charge of repression can be levelled against those responsible for commenting upon the Simon Report, as we did in the Reforms Dispatch of the Government of India published a few weeks ago. In that dispatch, we did not attempt to under-estimate the force of the political currents influencing Indian thought, and we recorded our view that in the future relationship between Great Britain and India the time has definitely come for the relation of partnership to supersede that of subordination. That is a step that is surely of deep significance to those who reflect on the past relations between the two countries.

It is bolder than some of the critics might have thought wise and is far-reaching in its implications. An Entrancing Picture. I have seen it said in many quarters that the actual proposals made by the Government of India do not in fact translate this view into practical reality. That criticism, I believe, is based upon an imperfect appreciation of the manner in which such arrangements as we foreshadowed might, with the goodwill of both sides, be expected in practice to operate.

We all know how grave are the difficulties which the Indian Round-Table Conference have overcome. Agreement cannot, be reached by the cold light of reason alone, and to warm and fire our imagination we need to fix our gaze steadily at the entrancing picture of an India spontaneously and gladly claiming its full share of Imperial responsibility and privileges as a co-partner in the common heritage of the British Commonwealth.

With this vision before my eyes, I desire to see India resolving her own internal difficulties and Great Britain freely extending its trust to the Indian rulers, statesmen, and people, who, in return, would not less freely offer Great Britain any constitutional securities that in the early days of new arrangements might promise to strengthen that trust and place it firmly on a basis of mutual respect and understanding. Upon that basis only can constructive work satisfactorily proceed, and without it our castles will be castles in the air.

MRS. MEYRICK FREE.

"NIGHT CLUB QUEEN" AT A WEST END CELEBRATION.

Released from Holloway Prison, Mrs. Kate Meyrick, the "Night Club Queen," celebrated her return at the Forty-Three Clubs, Gerrard Street, W., the next day.

A steady procession of young people arrived at the club from 11 p.m. onwards as the news of Mrs. Meyrick's return spread through the West End. Mrs. Meyrick's private celebration was of the soberest order. Nothing but tea was on her table.

"There's going to be no more champagne suppers for me after this," she said. "Tea of coffee is better for nerves."

THOUGHT HE LOVED ANOTHER.

A Wife's Allegations Before Death.

UNFOUNDED SUSPICION.

Sir Benjamin Robertson, Knight Commander of the Star of India, Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and hon. LL.D. of Aberdeen, formerly a distinguished member of the Indian Civil Service, and afterwards a member of the Council of India, told the Paddington coroner on January 13, that his wife, Lady Robertson, accused him of being in love with another woman the night before her death.

Lady Robertson died at an hotel in Orchard Street, W. from the effect of venereal poisoning, and Mr. Ingelby Oddie, the coroner, recorded a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind."

Lady Robertson was formerly Miss Charlotte Young of London. She married Sir Benjamin thirty-seven years ago. She was a C.B.E.

Nerve Sufferer. Sir Benjamin, who is in his sixty-seventh year, said that his wife suffered from bad health since they came from South Africa (where he went on an Indian Government commission) some years ago. She was a most capable woman, but for years had suffered from her nerves, and had been in a state of perpetual depression.

"At Christmas," continued Sir Benjamin, we had some friends staying with us and my wife then appeared to be in better spirits. When the friends had gone, however, she became depressed again. Last Thursday she told me 'Nobody cares for me.'

"On the night before her death she said that I was in love with another woman and that I gave this woman money. She also made various other allegations against me, and I told her that there was no truth in what she said. I managed to pacify her and later she did a crossword puzzle."

"My wife went to bed, apparently quite well. The next morning, finding that she did not come down to breakfast, I went up to her bedroom and found her lying unconscious. On her dressing table were some tablets and some letters, one of which was addressed to me. She died the following day."

"Jealous Nature." The coroner: You say that she thought you were in love with another woman. Is there any truth in that?

Sir Benjamin: None whatever. She always said that of any woman I talked to. She was of an exceedingly jealous nature. Mrs. Edith Blenkinsop, of Pembroke-gardens Hotel, W., a friend of the family, said that she knew Lady Robertson used to take drugs, and that she had constantly spoken about suicide. Sir Benjamin was very kind to his wife.

The coroner said that Lady Robertson in the letters she left showed that she contemplated taking her life.

TURN OF THE TIDE.

ARE THE OPTIMISTS RIGHT THIS TIME?

Those rubber market optimists—chairmen of rubber companies and Mining Lane brokers—who, in the early part of 1929 were envisaging a rubber shortage and a high price for their commodity in the year 1930, must be, by this time, feeling sadly disillusioned, says a City correspondent in the London Evening Standard. The present position is that world stocks are estimated to be about 150,000 tons higher than they were a year ago, and now stand in the neighbourhood of 465,000 tons, representing about eight months supply.

This may not appear to be a very encouraging factor for the strength of the market in the immediate future, but there are one or two considerations which must be borne in mind. I am informed by a firm of stockbrokers operating in this rubber share market that this apparently huge surplus will be very considerably reduced if not wholly eliminated during this year.

Apart from any increase in consumption there are definite indications in the quantities of rubber that will be produced while the price of the commodity remains at the present un-economic level. The native grower in the Dutch East Indies is already turning his attention to a large extent to more remunerative cultivations, while on European estates the full effects of the restricted tapping programmes which have been decided upon are only just appearing.

It is reasonable to believe that 1931 will see the turn of the tide in trade and industry. Consumption should certainly not fall below that of 1930, and a moderate increase seems to be a justifiable anticipation. The market, in short, is looking for steady conditions

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—R.A.O.B. Regalia Dance, Garrison Lecture Hall.

Friday—Whist Drive, Sergeants' Mess, Gun Club Hill.

March 17—St. Patrick Society's Ball, Peninsula Hotel.

March 20—Yorkshire Society Dinner.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"Let Us Be Gay."

To-day—Central Theatre.

"King of Jazz."

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Safety in Numbers."

To-day—Star Theatre.

"If Winter Comes."

To-day—World Theatre.

"Protection."

March 7, 10, 13, 14—"Art and Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

To-morrow—H.K. Canton, Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 11—Hong Kong Telephone Co. Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

Home Mails.

Friday—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Hakozaki Maru); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Hakone Maru), 6 p.m.

Lummers' Auction.

To-morrow—At 6, King's Terrace (2nd floor), Kowloon household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Miss Capel's pupils' dancing display, Theatre Royal, 5.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Concert, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 10—Central British School prize distribution, 5.30 p.m.

REJECTED BRIDE.

MAHARAJAH TO PAY RS. 12,500 DAMAGES TO FATHER.

Madras, Jan. 6.

Damages of Rs. 12,500, with costs, were awarded by Mr. Justice Pandarai in the High Court to-day against the Maharajah of Venkata-giri in a suit brought by the ex-zemindar of Narsaraopet, who alleged breach of a marriage contract.

It was stated that the ex-zemindar's daughter was selected by the Maharajah as a bride for his eldest son, and the ex-zemindar came to Madras with his family for the marriage, and stayed eight months, but the marriage did not take place, and the plaintiff contended that there had been breach of contract.

His lordship said that the contract fell through owing to the unwillingness of the Maharajah's son to marry the young woman, and in these circumstances the Maharajah must reimburse the plaintiff for expenses incurred by him during his stay in Madras.

Both parties belonged to respectable families, among whom it was very difficult to secure husbands. Thus plaintiff must have suffered a good deal of mental anxiety when marriage did not come off and the falling through of the arrangement must have also damaged his credit.

DYING MAN'S JOURNEY.

Coach Rider With A Fractured Skull.

The tragedy of a dying man who was taken 200 miles in a motor-coach after an accident was the subject of an inquest at Liverpool.

He was Mr. Robert Joseph McKenna, aged twenty-four, a merchant's clerk, of Southgrove, Highgate, who died from meningitis following a fractured skull received when a motor-cycle on which he was riding pillion skidded on the main London road at Marlyate, near Dunstable, early on Christmas morning.

Mr. Potter, with whom Mr. McKenna lodged at Highgate, said that he was driving the motor-cycle. There was a thick fog when the machine skidded, and both were thrown. A motor-coach, bound for Liverpool, came along, and Mr. McKenna was placed in it. Mr. Potter had his injuries attended to in the village.

The coroner said that it seemed a pity that Mr. McKenna travelled so far with a fractured skull. He might have been taken to the nearest hospital, but apparently the injury was not realized.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

during the first three months of the year, with a gradually improving tendency later.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of

the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

will be held in the

St. Andrew's Church Hall,

Kowloon,

on MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1931,

at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Adoption of Report & Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1930.

Election of Officers & Committee.

Any other business.

All members are requested to endeavour to attend, and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon are invited.

CHAS. E. TERRY,

11th Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1931.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4th instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 20th instant or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th instant at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 4th March, 1931.

PERIL TO FARMERS.

RATS, RABBITS AND SQUIRRELS COST MILLIONS.

Ground vermin are increasing in England at a rapid rate in spite of strenuous efforts to keep them down. Rat, rabbits, and other destructive animals are piling up an ever-growing bill for their maintenance, and the position is causing considerable alarm.

These pests are eating us out, (says the Agricultural correspondent of the Daily Express), and we do not seem to be able to stop them. The rats now outnumber the human population of this island, and they are becoming more numerous every week. Their number is estimated to do about £1 worth of damage every year.

They are costing us about £70,000,000 annually. They are also carriers of every kind of disease.

Rabbits are another huge and increasing liability that the land has to bear. Damages for a single year's work by rabbits are assessed at from £50 up to £300 per farm.

Orchards Destroyed. They eat bare great patches of young corn and pasture, and have been known to destroy 280 fruit trees in an orchard in a single night. They have cost the Forestry Commission, which is trying to reforest England and Wales, many thousands of pounds.

Under the Ground Game Act the tenant farmer and one other person of his household or in his employment has the right to exterminate rabbits, but such activities are often not welcomed by a shooting landlord, and for the sake of peace and quietness farmers refrain from exercising this right.

Rabbits are becoming a serious menace. They are probably costing the nation at least £1,000,000 a week.

Yet another pest seems to have taken possession of our land. Forty years ago a few grey squirrels were brought over here as specimens, but, according to the latest estimate, 18,000 square miles of this country are now populated by these, the most destructive of all rodents.

They eat eggs, steal fruit, and kill young birds. They are particularly fond of eating fruit buds and peeling the bark off trees, which consequently die.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" (R/W Cruise), arrived at "Peppu" on March 3 (Thurs.) at 10 p.m., leaves Peppu on March 5 (Thurs.) at 6 a.m., and is due at Kobe on March 5 (Thurs.) at 8 p.m. She leaves Kobe on March 9 (Mon.) at 7 a.m.

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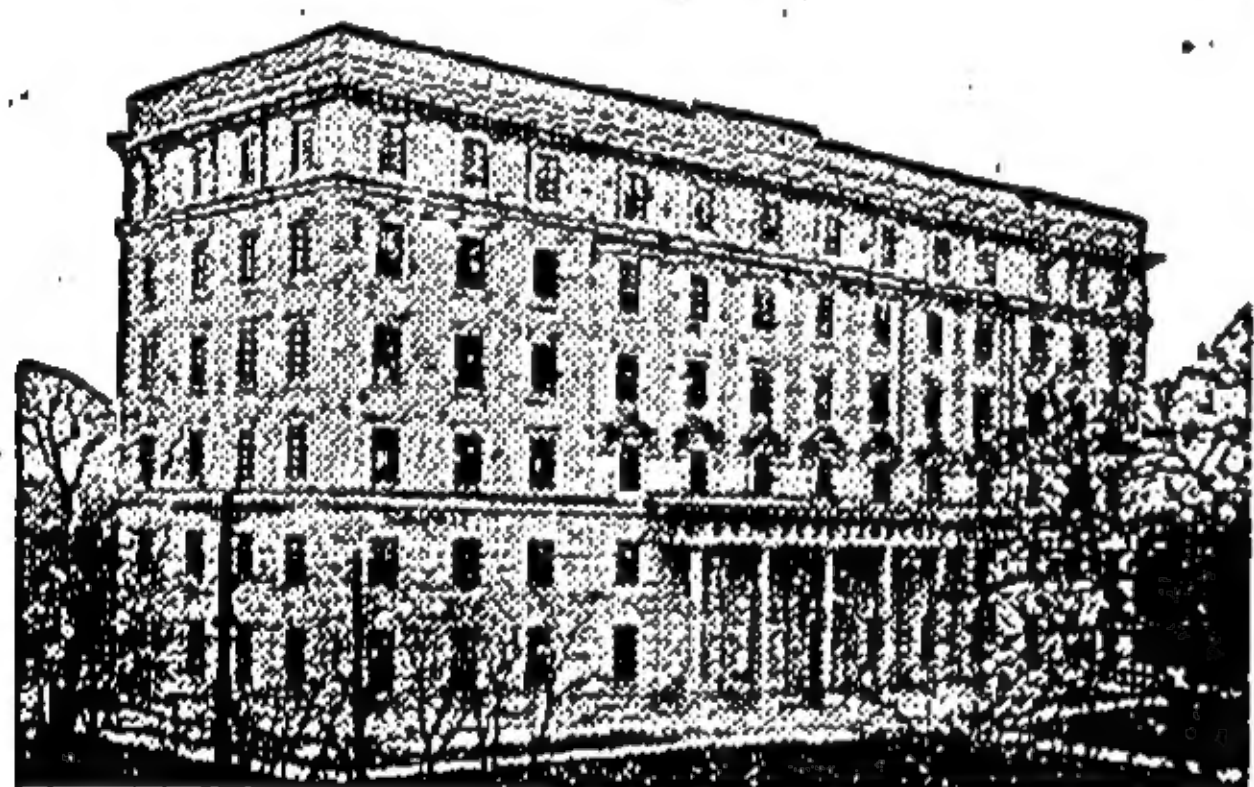
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Sport Columns

H.K. VOLUNTEERS CRICKET WEEK.

Defeat Army in Second
Match.

BY ONE RUN.

On the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday afternoon the Volunteers defeated the Army by one run.

Taking first use of what appeared to be a perfect wicket the Volunteers totalled 139 after a bad collapse at the fall of the second wicket. Cpl. Davies, bowling a very slow ball with an occasional fast one, claimed half the wickets for 48 runs. Mackay was top scorer for the Volunteers with 32 to his credit, whilst Griffiths and Owen Hughes both passed the twenty mark. Griffiths was batting very well indeed until he received a nasty blow above the left elbow which proved so painful that he was unable to field during the Army innings.

At one period the Army looked like being dismissed for less than fifty but an excellent forcing partnership between Fry and Salmon for the fifth wicket passed the century and placed the Army in a good position. Cpl. Fry scored 51 in a hard hitting innings and was chiefly responsible for the Army's fine fight for victory.

With two runs required for victory and one wicket to fall Pampin was clean bowled by Reid at 135 thus giving the Volunteers victory by the narrowest possible margin.

Full scores:—

H.K. Volunteers.	
J. E. Richardson, b Williams	7
N. A. E. Mackay, c Mehan, b Davies	32
R. H. Griffiths, c Haslewood, b Davies	22
Capt. W. H. G. Goner, c Salmon, b Davies	5
H. Owen Hughes, st. Penny, b Davies	26
K. H. Batger, run out	20
F. Baker, lb.w., b Davies	5
G. C. Burnett, not out	10
A. Reid, c Penny, b Cole	5
G. E. R. Divett, c Whitefield, b Fry	12
H. E. Green, run out	0
Extras	0
Total	139

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Williams	6	0	14	1
Fry	13	3	50	1
Davies	9	1	48	5
Cole	3.3	0	15	1

The Army.

Cpl. Davies, b Burnett	2
L/Cpl. Mehan, c Owen Hughes, b Burnett	4
Spr. Whitefield, run out	12
Lieut. Haslewood, c Owen Hughes, b Divett	11
Lieut. Stocker, c Goner, b Divett	51
Cpl. Fry, c and b Owen Hughes	19
Pte. Salmon, b Baker	12
Sig. Williams, c sub, b Reid	12
L/Cpl. Penny, not out	0
Dvr. Cole, run out	0
W.D. Pampin, b Reid	2
Extras	9
Total	135

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Burnett	2	41	2	
Owen Hughes	9	1	24	1
Divett	6	1	28	2
Reid	7.5	0	39	3
Baker	7	0	16	1

CHESHIRE CRICKET CLUB.

in the Minor Counties
Competition.

PRECARIOUS POSITION.

At the annual meeting of the Cheshire County Cricket Club consideration was given to the serious state of the finances of the club. The Chairman said that though they had a balance of £76 in hand, there would have been a debt of £170 had it not been for the money received from the Test matches. Mr. W. E. Jones, a former captain, moved—"That owing to the lack of support from the cricketing community of the county generally, the committee feel that, unless such support is materially increased, it will not be possible to carry on the club after the end of the coming season." Mr. Jones pointed out that the subscriptions had been going down year by year.

It was stated that from £350 to £400 was required to meet the expenditure every year, and Mr. E. Frost said it would be a disgrace if a large county like Cheshire could not raise that sum.

An amendment that a special meeting be called in July to consider the financial position and the desirability or otherwise of carrying on the club as members of the Minor Counties Association, or as merely the Cheshire County Cricket Club outside the competition, was carried.

In Britain football and other games can be seen under the best of conditions, and this shows how clearly you, British, realise the supreme value of games in the formation of those spiritual and well-physical qualities for which you are famed.—The Maharajah of Alwar

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAY.

St. Mirren Account for
Third Lanark.

THREE GOALS MARGIN.

The replay in the Scottish Cup between St. Mirren and Third Lanark took place yesterday in Paisley, the result according to Reuter being:—

St. Mirren 3 Third Lanark 0

League Match.
At Hampden Park, Glasgow, Queen's Park played Aberdeen in a League match, the result being: Queen's Park 2 Aberdeen 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	29	10	6	4	82	32
Rangers	29	10	5	5	73	23
Celtic	27	18	6	3	76	26
Hearts	30	17	3	10	79	51
Partick	29	17	3	9	59	37
Dundee	28	15	3	14	54	45
Hamilton	31	15	3	13	52	44
Airdrie	30	15	3	12	51	54
Aberdeen	32	13	6	12	63	55
Cowdenbeath	28	12	5	11	40	43
St. Mirren	28	11	6	11	45	48
Clyde	30	12	4	14	49	55
Morton	29	10	5	14	49	64
Kilmarnock	28	11	2	15	44	51
Queen's Pk.	29	9	6	14	49	56
Leith	30	7	9	14	41	65
Falkirk	28	10	2	16	58	69
Hibernians	31	7	6	18	39	67
Ayr	28	3	9	16	36	75
East Fife	30	4	4	22	39	69

MERCANTILE BANK DEFEATED.

Soccer Win for Radio
Sports Club.

YESTERDAY'S GAME.

The Radio Sports Club defeated a Mercantile Bank eleven by four goals to one in a friendly game yesterday at King's Park.

The game on the whole was very interesting, both teams going all out from the start with the Radio having a better control of the game. Though fielding only ten men, the Radio opened the score through Elms who put in a pretty shot from the wing. The Mercantile tried hard for an equalizer and soon they were rewarded by their efforts through their left-inside forward. The game after this looked like anybody's game with the ball mostly in centre-field.

In the second half the Radio were all over their opponents. The Mercantile backs were kept on the move most of the time. The Radio after a few attempts at goal, scored their second goal through G. Singh who netted with a fine shot. A few minutes later G. Singh added his second from a pass from Hanib. The Radio were sure victors after this, but they made doubly sure when G. Singh scored his "hat trick" from a pass from Elms. For the Bank eleven, Prochn and Eddie deserve credit in keeping the score down. They were hard workers and did well in their positions. For the Radio G. Singh was the live-wire in the team. The Radio were well supported in defence by Guest, Winch and Gilchrist. Had the shooting of the forward line been more accurate the score might have been greater.

Result:
Radio S. C. 4
Mercantile Bank 1

MISS HARRISON'S BID FOR TITLE.

First Woman Amateur
Champion.

WOMAN'S BILLIARDS.

London, February 6.

Miss Ruth Harrison, of Lintz Green, near Consett, the daughter of a Durham miner, made almost certain of being the first woman amateur champion at Burwat Hall London, yesterday afternoon. She reached her sensational points against Mrs. Eddowes (London) in under 80 minutes. Her best break was 21 and that of Mrs. Eddowes was 12. Interval—Miss Ruth Harrison, 752; Mrs. Eddowes, 440. Miss Harrison at night had breaks of 23, 26, 24, 19, and 17, while the best of the loser were 15 and 11. In the end Miss Harrison won by 419 points in the one thousand up match.

Like the British Football Association, the Lawn Tennis Association enjoys a surplus at the bank, and that money could be well spent in making conditions better all round.—W. Capel-Kirby

BOXING TOURNAMENT TO-MORROW.

First Class Programme
Now Arranged.

THE BIG BOUT.

The programme for to-morrow's boxing in the City Hall, commencing at 9 p.m., is as under:—

15 round contest for the Middleweight Championship of the Colony and Belt:—A.B. Ewin H.M.S. Kent (Middleweight Champion of the Colony) v. Jock Crichton, of Shanghai (Welterweight Champion of the Colony).

10 round contest at 130 lb.:—A.B. Kelly (H.M.S. Medway) v. Stoker Harley (H.M.S. Kent).

6 round Middleweight contest:—A.B. Campbell (H.M.S. Kent) v. Stoker Hudson (H.M.S. Hermes).

6 round contest for amateur middleweight championship of the Colony:—A. W. Still (Amateur Middleweight Champion of Natal, 1929) v. A.B. Lowellyn (H.M.S. Kent).

6 round Welterweight contest:—Stoker Cole (H.M.S. Sandwich) v. A.B. Charman (H.M.S. Sandwich).

6 round (Lightweight) contest:—Lance/Bdr. Walton (12th Heavy Bty, R.A.) v. Gunner Coe (R.A.).

The amateur bouts will be fought under I.S.B.A. rules with a silent count.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

RACING.—To-day—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley. Saturday—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

BOXING.—Thursday—Tournament, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

CRICKET.—To-day—Volunteers v. Combined League, H.K.C.C. Ground, 1 p.m.

GOLF.—March 24—Ladies' Section—Prize Giving, Fanning.

FENCING.—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

March 21—Tournament, Yacht Club, 3.30 p.m.

CHESS.—Tuesday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

ATHLETICS.—March 9—Marathon Race, Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.

March 13 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

FOOTBALL.—March 14—English Cup—Semi-Finals.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.—March 14—Ireland v. Wales, Belfast.

BANQUET FOR BETTY NUTHALL.

The King of Sweden
Delighted.

MIXED DOUBLES RESULT.

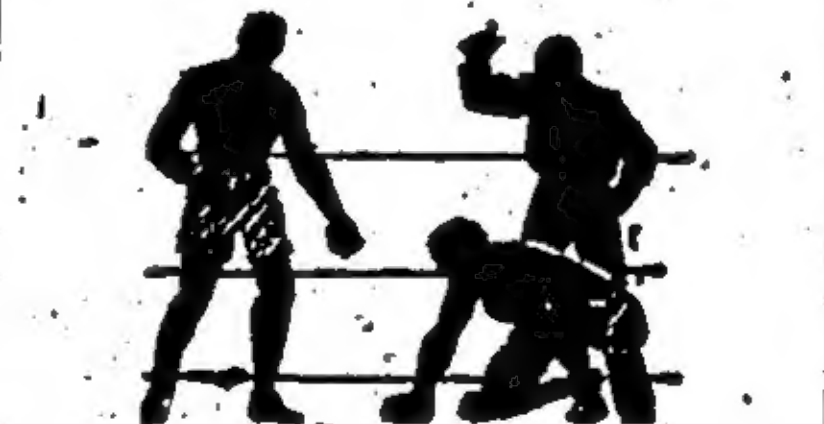
Paris, February 21.

Betty Nuthall, the English lawn tennis star, and King Gustav of Sweden, to-day reached the quarter-finals in the mixed doubles at the Beauvauise championships by defeating Mrs. Pierce and Thomas Bowa.

The King was so pleased that he gave a banquet in Miss Nuthall's honour.

Betty Nuthall is one of the ranking women players of the world. She holds the American title for 1930.—United Press.

BOXING



THEATRE ROYAL

Thursday, March 5,
at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT

15 Rounds Contest for
Middleweight Championship of
the Colony and Belt

Between
JOCK CRUCHTON,
SHANGHAI
Welter Weight Champion
of the Colony,
and
A. B. EWIN,
H.M.S. KENT,
Middle Weight Champion
of the Colony

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Booking at Montre's:—
For Members of the
Home Kong Boxing Association
on MONDAY and TUESDAY,
March 2 and 3.

General Public:
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
March 4 and 5.

RINGSIDE SEATS \$5.00
OTHERS \$2.50 and \$1.00
INCLUDING TAX.

The Devon and Somerset Stag-hounds made a kill in the back garden of a house in Minehead.

The quarry was a hind which fled from Hopcott Hill, along a footpath towards the centre of the town. It surmounted a stile and burst through the gate of the back garden of a house in Poundfield Road. Here it found itself trapped, and the kill was made.

A number of local people joined in the chase, and a large crowd saw the final scene. The last time a deer was killed in Minehead was in 1826. On that occasion a hind took to the sea. It was headed back by motor-boats and killed on the quay.

PRESERVING THE GRAND OLD GAME

CONTROL NECESSARY

WILL THE LIGHTER BALL SOLVE
THE PROBLEM?

CURB THE TIGER

Ever since the introduction of the lively rubber-cored ball, a quarter of a century ago, the Golfing Authorities have been looking this way and that seeking to discover some effective means of keeping the game under control, writes Charles Ambrose in the Morning Post.

Some there are, mostly North of the Tweed, who still openly deplore the passing of the old gutty ball. They would now fain follow the American lead, and ban the existing ball in favour of something larger and lighter. They resisted the introduction of steel shafts to the very last. In fact, they are thorough-going Diehards who would like to keep the old game as they knew and loved it in the happy days of their childhood.

But it is no more possible to stop the progress of golf than to stem any other irresistible tide, as King Canute found to his cost some time ago. He only got his feet wet.

Worse fates than that befall people who sit down in front of steam-rollers. They do no good whatever to themselves; they only make trouble for those who are left to mourn their departure. However much one may feel inclined to sympathise with them it is simply unkind to show it.

The Ball Problem.

The Americans have started their famous experiment with the larger and lighter ball. In this country we have had one match with this ball recently between Cotton and Abu Mitchell. It resulted in the defeat of the latter by 10 up and 8 to play, and it brought out one important point, and that is that not even Mitchell can change over from one ball to the other at a moment's notice without getting badly "stung."

Cotton had been practising with the American ball for some time before the match, whereas Mitchell came in gallantly, at the last moment as substitute for Charles Whitcombe, who had to cry off on account of illness.

After the match both players agreed that the larger ball was more difficult to control, and expressed the opinion that it was doubtful whether the ordinary player would take to it for that reason alone. In America they rarely experience such boisterous weather as we get over here—a circumstance which makes a deal of difference. At any rate it seems probable that the rank and file of British golfers will not wish to add to their troubles in a wind.

"A Ridiculous Handicap."

Cotton was asked whether he would consent to play another match with Abu Mitchell. Cotton using the American ball, Mitchell our own familiar "1.62." He replied that he was willing to try, but that it would appear that he was conceding Mitchell "a ridiculous handicap." Yet downwind there is little or no difference between the flight of the two balls, any balance being actually in favour of the larger ball; whereas against the wind we have it on the authority of "Bobby" Jones himself that the loss in length on a full drive is, but five yards. Where, then, does this "ridiculous handicap" come in?

Leaving that aspect of the question unanswered, we want to know

next whether this American ball is going to help to "shorten" golf courses. The answer is that no golf architect could afford to cut a yard off a single hole on the strength of a ball which might carry less far against the wind but further than ever with it. So that even if we did fall into line with the Americans, we should not achieve our main object by so doing.

After a year's trial it is plain that steel shafts do not affect the problem one way or the other. When Dale Boina drove so brilliantly with a steel-shafted driver in the President's Putter tournament last year all the Diehards lifted up their voices and wailed: "There you are! What did we tell you? We knew it!" But afterwards it appeared that the virtue lay in the player himself, not in his club; and later on he returned to his old love, hickory.

Americans Better Golfers.

Neither our forbidding steel shafts nor by following the American example, then, may we hope to cut the hair of the modern Samson. Is there no other way of dealing with him? There is one other. Perhaps it is the only one. It is not a solution, unfortunately, that commends itself to the custodians of classic courses which have been quite long enough and quite difficult enough to test the giants of the past, but are now, frankly, too easy to extend the modern American expert.

The fact is that "Bobby" Jones and his men are far better golfers than were the champions of last century. Nor is this to be wondered at. For every single golfer who played then, how many scores play to-day? Add to that the concentration and training which these American athletes bring to bear upon golf and their opportunities for play, and is it surprising that the pick of them, whilst courteously admitting the charm of the Old Course, should find it nevertheless too simple?

Difficult For The Tiger.

What is to be done about it? So far as the Old Course is concerned nothing at all. Its charm is unique, and not to be disturbed in order to "extend" a handful of marvellous golfers who can be extended to their hearts' content elsewhere.

There are many other excellent sites round our coasts where great golf courses, capable of extending anybody, could be constructed. These courses could easily be designed to give the Tiger a series of long and difficult shots home, though not so difficult as to "choke him off" whilst the Rabbit has a comparatively easy run home in three shots as against two "snorters."

Modern golf architecture has made great strides in recent years. In the ensuing twelve months there is talk of machinery being available which will greatly reduce the cost of course construction, and at the same time assist in making better courses. Let us bank on that. Tighten up courses, wherever we may, for the Tiger, leaving clear runs for the Rabbit. Then we can afford to let the golfer choose, within the widest possible limits, any implements he may fancy, and do his best or his worst with them without fear of harm to the grand old game.

MINIATURE GOLF IN
CEMETERY.

Negro Charged "Green
Fees."

TOMBSTONE HAZARDS.

Miniature golf is not quite so popular now, but a negro porter found a new variation. A policeman discovered him playing golf in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Macon, Georgia, and brought him before the local magistrate.

The constable gave evidence that he saw the negro teeing off from a grave, with a flower cup as the first hole. The tombstones were the hazards.

The magistrate displayed a ready wit, and gave a Solomon-like judgment. "Pay 8s—green fees," he ordered.—British United Press.

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MERCHANT FLEET OF NORWAY.

Great Expansion in 1930.

A great expansion took place in the merchant fleet of Norway last year, as is shown by the statistics issued by the Norske Veritas Bureau, and a further considerable addition is expected to be recorded in the course of the next six months. Including two sailing vessels, the total number of ships amounted to 160 of 578,625 gross tons, as compared with 169 and 395,656 gross tons in 1929. Sales to other countries and broken-up or dismantled ships numbered 57 of 103,824 gross tons, contrasting with 91 and 104,105 gross tons in 1929, making the net additions in 1930 against 78 ships of 291,460 tons in the previous year.

As to the activity of the Norwegian yards, it is noted that these turned out 44 ships of 49,885 gross tons last year, as compared with 42 of 23,743 gross tons in 1929. The new construction delivered by other countries comprised 83 ships of 455,838 gross tons, as against 63 of 222,418 tons in 1929, while the balance of the above total figures is represented by second-hand ships purchased abroad.

More This Year. The total number of merchant ships owned by Norway at the opening of the present year was 1,569, of 3,783,000 gross tons, and this tonnage will be increased to over 4,000,000 during the first half of the year as a result of the deliveries from abroad of a number of the ships still on order to the extent of 483,000 gross tons. For the present, however, new contracts are not being entered into, as is only natural from the state of the world trade and the large number of vessels which are now laid up all round.

Concerning the work carried out by the Norwegian yards last year, Mr. J. L. Amundsen, president of the Norwegian Shipbuilders' Association, has informed the Norwegian Journal of Commerce that he estimates at a value of 25,000,000 kr. the ships which were contracted for at the native yards in 1930. As to the question of competitive capacity, he states that is extraordinarily difficult for the Norwegian yards to get orders for new construction owing to the level of wages being higher than that in neighbouring countries. At present there are 26 medium sized and large shipyards in Norway, and these have at present about 7,000 men at work, although the number rises to 10,000 when trade is favourable, and falls to 4,000 men during periods of depression. The difficulties for shipping react on the shipyards, so that for a period it will be impossible to reckon on getting new construction, except for special ships. As most of the yards have but few orders now on hand, they will be able to offer favourable periods for delivery in the event of any new contracts coming forward.

Million Tons Laid Up. During the previous period when vessels were laid up in Norway, the operation of laying up came to an end before the tonnage reached 500,000 but at the end of December the number of idle ships was 230 of a total of 850,000 dead-weight tons. At present the number is estimated to have further increased and the laid-up dead-weight tonnage to exceed 1,000,000. In various harbours the vessels lie close together, and a shortage of accommodation is beginning to be noticeable at Bergen.

Dealing with the situation of shipping Mr. H. A. Wrangell, who is retiring from the presidency of the Shipowners' Association of Norway after having filled this position for three years and a half, states that the past autumn proved a great disappointment, and as the laying up of ships is increasing every day, the present situation is becoming one of the

most serious crises which the Norwegians have ever had. The expenses continue to be about 100 per cent. higher than before the War, and freights are lower, so that it is comprehensive that the conditions are extremely difficult for ships which have not long term charter-parties, of which there are not many if an exception is made of tankers, which are perhaps the only types which will be able to show a surplus of noteworthy importance.

Future Doubtful. As to the future, Mr. Wrangell expresses the opinion that one cannot expect any thorough improvement before the prices of commodities have reached the bottom level. But they have not done so yet, and before that happens buyers only purchase for immediate requirements, as all buyers are afraid to speculate before they feel they are on safe ground, and until that takes place the freight market will not improve. The world's combined shipping fleet, moreover, is certainly too large for the present times. If to this is added the fact that most of the competitors of Norway have lower working expenses, and that individual countries give subsidies to their shipping at the same time as most countries have lower taxes, it is obvious that the Norwegians cannot compete. Obviously these matters combined play a great part when the question is to compete, and it is therefore easy to understand what has happened now in the sense that the Norwegians have been compelled to lay up a large part of their fleet while competitors continue to sail.

In conclusion, Mr. Wrangell states that it is worthy of consideration in these times as to whether there should not be a period without a tariff agreement with the seamen; if tariffs are to be fixed now they must certainly be low if the ships are to trade. If the tariffs are too high the ships must be laid up, so that there is little use in having a tariff. In his opinion a period without a tariff for a time would be the best for all parties until the freight market in some measure becomes normal.

As bearing on this question Mr. Fr. Odjell, of Bergen, points out that the wages of the crews lie between 115 and 120 per cent. above the level in 1913, and this is also the case with loading, discharging and harbour charges. On the other hand, the general index of freights is now 12 per cent. below the level at the same time last year, and between 15 and 25 per cent. lower than in 1913.

CLYDE BUILDING.

For shipbuilders on the Clyde 1930 was a trying and unbalanced year. Judged by launchings alone the year would appear to have been comparatively successful, but put to the acid test—employment statistics—the reverse is the case.

Since March of last year the number of unemployed in the industry has risen alarmingly, particularly on the Clyde, from 27.0 to 40.1 per cent. From statistical records of output, the productivity for 1930 was 246 vessels of 529,744 tons, compared with 222 vessels and 565,793 tons in 1929. The Clyde's launching output, however, was easily a third of the entire British production. The year saw a large output of tanker tonnage, but, unfortunately, there is little now remaining of that class of work which has been the main source of activity of the Clyde, as elsewhere during the year.

While the contracts for the new Cunarder and two destroyers will provide a considerable amount of work in the coming year, the outlook generally is disquieting. A considerable time will elapse before the translation of contracts placed into actual work for the men in the yards, and there does not seem to be much prospect of the alleviation of the unemployment position on the Clyde, even in 1931.

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Credits, 4 months' sight	11 11/16
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On demand	567 1/2
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On New York—	
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Wire	61
On demand	61
On Calcutta—	
Wire	61
On demand	61
On Singapore—	
On demand	39 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	44 1/4
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Dollar	3 1/4 % dis.
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Copper Cents	3 1/2 prem.
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Stockholm	18.13 1/4
Oslo	18.16
Vienna	34.56 1/2
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Bank of Asia	(Final 2nd bonus 21 1/2 p.c. for 1930) Feb. 23, 31
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Mr. Craig told a press representative that the play will be produced in the Autumn. Rehearsals are to begin as soon as the designs are ready.

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22,546 in the number of Sunday
school scholars, of 16,222 in
baptisms, and 9,161 in candidates
for confirmation.

These figures, which appear in
the Official Year-book of the Church
of England for 1931, published for
the Church Assembly by the Society
for Promoting Christian
Knowledge (3s. 6d.), describe fully
the state of the Church of England
at the present time.

But that was for the past year.
How fare the churches at the pre-
sent time?

Four Daily Express representa-
tives visited the City Temple, the
Liberal Jewish Synagogue, the
Ethical Church, and a children's
service in the Brompton Parish
Church.

The City Temple.

Dr. F. W. Norwood held a book,
Max Picard's "The Human Face,"
when he preached in the City
Temple.

Picard is no parson. His book is
no evidence that he is a Christian.
He has simply studied the faces of
men, and he has found that God
manifests Himself in man, and man
is in God's image.

"The revelation of God is in the
faces of men," so Dr. Norwood
quoted him.

"There is a great religious re-
vival on the way. Men are becom-
ing aware that they have lost some-
thing. Perhaps it is just a fulfill-
ing of the words of the prophet:
'Ye shall seek Me and ye shall find
Me when ye shall search for Me
with all your heart.'"

"You see... God knows you."
That was the message he preach-
ed; but what was it to all those who
passed by and left the City Temple
half empty?

Brompton Parish Church.

Thirty children sat and listened
to the Rev. H. S. Sard telling them
about St. Peter and how he sat in
a house in Rome and answered ques-
tions put to him by a little boy.

He was going over too, what they
had learned the previous Sunday,
and said, "Well, well, we seem to
have pretty bad memories!" when-
ever he had to supply the answers
himself.

That Sunday the children had
been addressed by Dr. Sweetapple,
and they wriggled delightedly as his
name was mentioned. "It is a
funny name, isn't it?" smiled Mr.
Sard.

A small girl in a blue hat turned
round at that and winked at another
small girl in a striped bonnet.
They like Mr. Sard. He tells
them funny things—that Simon
means "snub-nosed" and Peter
means "rock." Snub-nosed rock!
Just like the nicknames they give
their friends.

Mr. Sard referred to St. Peter's
wife as Mrs. Peter. He built up an
image in the children's minds of a
human person, a man—snub nose—
who was called Rock by Christ be-
cause of his sterling character.
They saw him clearly.

They are beginning to see God.

The Ethical Church.

An orthodox Christian would
have found much to astonish him
had he chanced to attend service at
the Ethical church in Bayswater.

He would have been puzzled, first
by the unfamiliar furnishings of
the church; the central object is the
pulpit, but it is flanked by gilded
statues of Christ and Buddha and
before it stands a stone inscribed
"An Altar to the Ideal."

The members of the Ethical
church do not kneel. Their god is
Man.

Liberal Jewish Synagogue.

Rabbi Mattuck held the usual
Sunday morning service at the
Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St.
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These services were originally in-
augurated for Liberal Jews who
were unable to attend the tradi-
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The Sunday congregation grows
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KIDNAPPED AT A
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Jewels Taken From
Chaplin's Second Wife.

GUNMEN'S EXPLOIT.

Chicago, Jan. 8.
An exploit that has made the
gunmen of Chicago envied, and has
excited the whole of America, was
successfully carried out during the
night by bandits in New York.

They kidnapped Lita Grey (the
second wife of Charles Chaplin, the
film star) and Georges Carpentier,
once the idol of the boxing world,
drove them for more than a mile
through a crowded quarter of New
York, robbed Mrs. Chaplin of
\$3,000 worth of jewels, and then
escaped in her motorcar.

Mrs. Chaplin and Carpentier ex-
plained to the police that the kid-
napping occurred after they had ap-
peared at a theatre in the Bronx
section of New York.

"Drive On!"

As they stepped into Mrs. Chap-
lin's car outside the theatre the
gunmen stepped in too.

They covered the actress and the
former boxing champion with
revolvers. Another man also held
a revolver at the chauffeur and
ordered him to drive on. The car
was driven for a mile. The bandits
helped themselves to Mrs. Chaplin's
jewels and relieved Carpentier of
his jewels and money.

They then stopped the car and
ordered Mrs. Chaplin, Carpentier
and the chauffeur to alight. The
bandits then escaped—with the car.

Returned by Taxicab.

Mrs. Chaplin and Carpentier re-
turned to their hotel by taxicab, and
the chauffeur went to the police
station, where he reported the affair.

A full description of the gunmen
has been given to the police.
Lita Grey was married to Charles
Chaplin in November 1924 when she
was 16, after she had played in
Chaplin's picture "The Kid." She
obtained a divorce from him in
August 1927, and Chaplin agreed to
create a trust fund of \$40,000 for
their two children.

Since her divorce, Miss Lita Grey
Chaplin (as she prefers to be
known) has appeared on the vaude-
ville stage.

Georges Carpentier, the world-
famous French boxer, is now 35.
As a boy he travelled with a circus,
and was "discovered" by Francois
Descamps, under whose manage-
ment Carpentier gained \$200,000 in
the boxing ring and the title of
world's cruiser-weight champion.

Dempey beat him in his fight for
the world's heavyweight title, and
soon afterwards Carpentier took up
a stage career. He has also acted
for the films.

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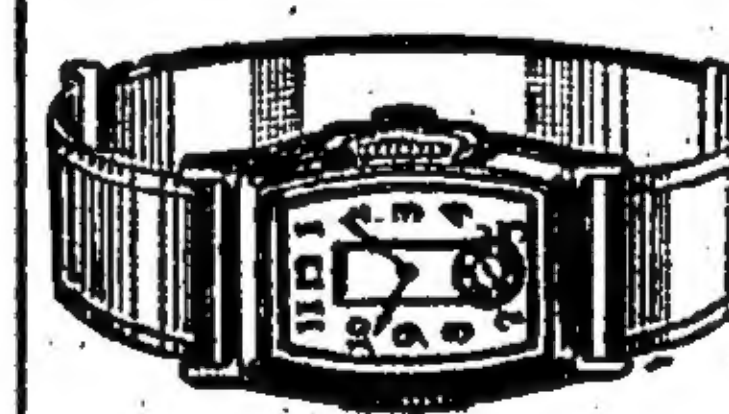
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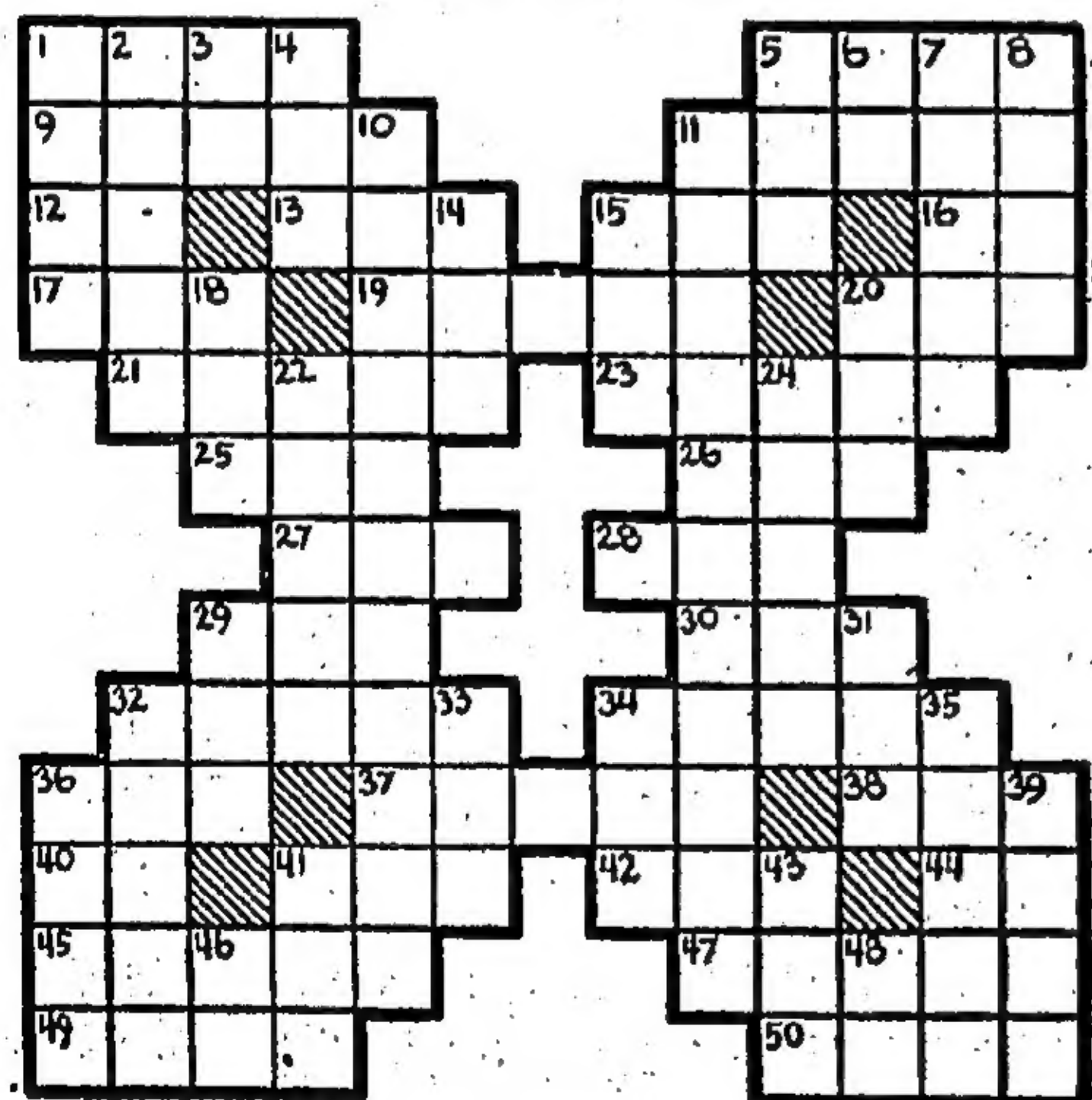
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, piano, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1-To stand wide open
5-Back of the neck
9-Sun-dried brick
11-A court of justice
12-Behavior
13-Bachelor of
Mechanical Engi-
neering (abbr.)
15-A kitchen utensil
16-Postscript (abbr.)
17-To sin
19-Another capital of
Poland
20-To observe
21-English title (pl.)
22-Oil of rose petals
23-A drink
24-Skill
27-One-spot play card
28-French for friend
29-Poem
30-Possessive pronoun
32-Drop
34-To move in a
steady manner
36-Borrow

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
37-Combining form
Nine
38-A chicken disease
40-The King of Bashan
(Bible)
41-German for and
42-Consumed
43-Toward
44-Sumptuous repast
47-A church official
48-Not false
50-Hisland
VERTICAL
1-A high wind
2-To worship
3-A river in Italy
4-To recede, as the
tide
5-Hard-shelled fruit
6-Preface—a form of ad-
7-Player on a bagpipe
8-Comfort
10-Gun-platform in a
fort.

VERTICAL (Cont.)
11-To pollute
14-Greek goddess of
the dawn
15-A vegetable
18-A rodent
22-Rested
23-Noted English
novelist
24-Made commonplace
by repetition
25-Not even
26-Life—gold of trees
28-Impatiently awaiting
for something
29-Conjunction
34-Flow of the waves
35-Hawk-like bird (pl.)
36-Malleable, as a
metal
38-Tribor
39-To employ
41-An old cloth
measure
42-Symbol for gold
43-To perform

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

NORMA SHEARER PLAYING PIANO.
"LET US BE GAY."

Norma Shearer again plays the piano in "Let Us Be Gay," her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talkie now being shown in the Queen's Theatre.

Sidney Franklin discovered Norma's musical ability between scenes in the screening of "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," and since that time every director has included a piano scene in her picture.

In Franklin's picture, Miss Shearer played for Herbert Hunston's singing. In "Their Own Desire," she played for Robert Montgomery. In "The Divorcee," she played for Chester Morris, and now, in her new picture, she has to play for a whole ensemble made up of Rod La Rocque, Raymond Hackett, Tyrrell Davis, and Gilbert Emery.

"I also can whistle with two fingers but I hope they don't discover that, too," observed Miss Shearer when she found the new piano scene in her script.

Marie Dressler plays the part of the eccentric dowager in the picture of the Rachel Crothers' play, "Sally Elvers and Hedda Hooper" are included in the supporting cast.

"KING OF JAZZ"

Only a modern motion picture studio could possibly have procured the vast resources necessary to bring into being such a super-spectacle as Universal's "King of Jazz," the all-dancing, all-Technical colour "revue of revues" now playing in the Central Theatre.

As seen and heard upon the screen, the "King of Jazz" is the superlative in entertainment. But in order to build and present such a production, technical problems which would have been insurmountable in any other industry were met and solved.

Since the entire film was photographed in Technicolor, a tremendous amount of electric energy was necessary to bring out the impressive beauty of the huge sets and the delicate shadings of the thousands of costumes. Batteries of hundreds of high-powered incandescent lamps were assembled. As much as 4,000,000 candle-power was used at one time on the tremendous "Melting Pot" set alone.

Throughout the picture, which consists of eight musical numbers in addition to specialties by stage and screen stars, enough light was used to illuminate the entire area of Los Angeles for several hours. And many of the hundreds of lights used were equal in power to the biggest searchlight on a modern battleship.

Because "King of Jazz" is essentially a musical picture, with Paul Whiteman and his entire band in the starring role, elaborate measures were taken to ensure a sound quality which has proven to be incomparably superior to anything hitherto heard on the sound screen.

The material which went into the making of the hundreds of costumes worn by those who appear in the film "would furnish dresses for all the women of a small city. In the "Melting Pot" number alone more than 2,000 costumes were used, all especially designed for the film, as were the sets and the other costumes, by Herman Rosse, the famous New York designer, brought to Universal by John Murray Anderson, the director. Altogether, at least 4,000 individual costumes, each a poem of sheer beauty, were created by Rosse and made by the Universal wardrobe staff.

Danny Hall and Thomas O'Neill, in charge of the technical side of the picture, succeeded in creating for "King of Jazz" effects which never before have been conceived. Ray Rennahan, Hal Mohr and Jerome Ashe, camera men, have achieved both comedy and spectacular photographic miracles which are completely new to the screen.

"ROUGH ROMANCE"

One of the most wistfully delightful heroines to come to the talking screen is Miss Helen

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SLAVER HONORER
LADEN BIRN

A VICTORIAN EVE.

GUYNIG "LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY."

London, Jan. 8.

A pleasing entertainment for the sophisticated, or those who like to think themselves so, is to be expected with a considerable degree of confidence of each new programme at the little Gaiety Theatre, and last night's was well up to sample.

Could one imagine anything, for instance, more exotically curious than a "Little Lord Fauntleroy" as enacted by Miss Elsa Lanchester—a flaxen-haired, velvet-suited lad, whose every wide-eyed glance smacked of the cabaret, whose most fatuously innocent utterances were delivered with an air of double entendre? Or a more excellently caricatured Old Earl of Victorian fiction than Mr. Alan Napier's, infinitely absurd, and yet always of a certain dignity in its most nicely underlined extravagances?

It is arguable that Miss Prudence Vanbrugh was a shade too naturally charming as "Dearest," the loving mother of noble sentiments, but Miss Hermione Gingold more than redressed the balance with her completely satisfactory vulgarity (in red frock and bustle, with pork-pie hat to match) as the scheming parent of a fictitious heir. Frances Hodgson Burnett's once-famous drama was mercifully given in a specially compressed form, and with its humours not too uproariously emphasised, made a very jolly little piece of preposterousness.

Old Ballads Revived.

As second half of the programme came "A Victorian Solree," where-in various ballads of bygone days were sung and acted with appropriate "business." Miss Elsie French delightfully recalled the early 'nineties with the rollicking strains of "The Rowdy Dowdy Boys," carolled in tights and silver topers.

Miss Lanchester obliged with "We met, 'twas in a crowd," and Mr. Arthur Chesney, Mr. Harold Young, Miss Gingold, and Miss Irene Freeman also contributed, while Mr. Peter Godfrey not only depicted himself on a trapeze, but performed some highly creditable conjuring tricks.

Decidedly a good Victorian evening, though not perhaps altogether for Victorians.—Ex.

Chandler in her role of Marna Reynolds in "Rough Romance," For Movietone drama of the great open spaces coming soon to the Queen's Theatre.

In "Rough Romance," Miss Chandler portrays a lovely child of the North woods who lives with her father in an isolated trading post and longs for life, love, and laughter.

All three of them come to her with the advent of George O'Brien, who plays the part of a dashing young lumberjack.

Others featured in the cast of "Rough Romance," which was directed by A. F. Erickson, are Antonio Moreno and Noel Francis.

"WHY BRING THAT UP?"

Because of a toothache, Charles Mack is famous to-day.

Throughout the world the team of Moran and Mack, the Two Black Crows, is known because George Moran can talk with such pitiful earnestness and Charles Mack can be so dumb in such a woolly, sleepy voice.

Mack explained how he got this way. One day he had a toothache. He kept right on smiling and doing his vaudeville turn. Finally he was so miserable he didn't care whether he worked or not and in this frame of mind he went on the stage.

"I started in real bad like because I was, and the audience began to sneaker. The sicker I got, the sadder I spoke and the more poeish I appeared, the louder they laughed. I answered seven curtain calls, wanting to go to sleep on the stage each time." He has been talking that way ever since.

In their first motion picture appearance, Moran and Mack, the Two Black Crows, present their early life and how they happened to team up together and form this hilarious fun-making team. The picture has been aptly titled after that famous expression of theirs "Why Bring That Up?"

"Why Bring That Up?" was written by Octavius Roy Cohen, the author who "roy" Birmingham famous with his "dark-town characters." He has woven Moran and Mack, the Two Black Crows, into a sweeping tale taking them from obscurity to fame. "Why Bring That Up?" will be both seen and heard in the Central Theatre in the new change of programme.

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OPENING ON SATURDAY.

Mr. Edward Branscombe's 16 Westminster Glee Singers, who were responsible for one of the biggest booms which a theatrical company have known in Hong Kong, on the occasion of their extended season here in January, are returning here for four nights, commencing on Saturday. These will definitely be Hong Kong's final chance to hear these favourite artists, as they sail immediately afterward for Singapore, en route to South Africa.

The singers will be heard in a new location this time, for they have engaged the Star Theatre, Kowloon, which should be admirable for their purposes. And new programmes will be presented, a fact only possible because the company have a repertoire of 150 items.

Since they left here, the company have had a remarkably successful season in the Embassy Theatre,

Shanghai, and is at present playing a return season there of seven performances. In the interim, they visited Tientsin and Peking, creating a record for this type of entertainment in Tientsin by playing seven nights altogether in the Olympic Theatre, while Peking provided three packed houses. Mr. Branscombe writes that the company are all eagerly looking forward to their return to Hong Kong. Booking opens at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre, the price being \$4.40, \$3.80, \$2.20, and \$1.10. There will be a special matinee on Saturday at 5.30 p.m. when children will be admitted at half price.

RANEE MARGARET.

"ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST GIFTED PIANISTS."

Under the auspices of H. H. the Rane Margaret of Sarawak, a concert was held at St. Ives, Cornwall, at which Mr. W. H. Reed, M.V.O., leader of the London Symphony Orchestra was one of the principal attractions. The Rane Margaret presided at the piano and the following description of her performance is given in the Cornish Post: "Naturally the outstanding figure was the Rane herself, who is physically and musically almost a miracle. None who saw the nim-

bleness of her fingers, the economy of physical effort, yet the vigour imparted at the right moment, and other signs of husbanded vitality, would have dreamt that four score years had touched, however lightly, this charming and gifted personage. After nearly two hours playing the Rane showed no sign of strain or fatigue, and no one with an ear for tone could have failed to realise that the pianist was a born musician and surely one of the most gifted amateurs Britain has produced. It is impossible to deal with the individual selections, which were lengthily described in the programme.

"In newspaper notes one can only spare space to pay a cordial tribute of admiration both to the woman and the artist. 'Keep working to keep young' might be the Rane's motto, and only constant practice can amply explain the technical dexterity, the rippling smoothness of the runs and the precision with which the piano synchronised with the violin in these complex yet beautiful compositions."

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" Head	豬頭	"	26	20	—		
" Heart	豬心	each	15	10	10		
" Kidneys	豬腰	lb.	15	10	8		
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	48	30	24		
Pork Chop	豬排	lb.	38	25	23		
" Leg	豬腿	"	38	—	—		
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Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	90	60	70		
" Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7		
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12	10		
" Liver	羊肝	lb.	45	26	25		
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Ray	魚	"	16	10	14		
Rock Fish	魚	"	21	18	18		
Roach	魚	"	28	22	20		
Salmon	魚	"	50	36	30		
Shark	魚	"	16	8	10		
Shrimp	蝦	"	16	10	10		
Shrimp	蝦	"	40	32	30		
Shrimp	蝦	"	42	28	28		
Shrimp	蝦	"	32	22	28		
Shrimp	蝦	"	28	28	35		
Shrimp	蝦	"	28	18	12		
Shrimp	蝦	"	110	40	—		
Poultry.							
Chicken	雞	lb.	65	30	31		
Capon, Small	雞	"	62	28	30		
Capon, Large	雞	"	64	28	30		
Duck	鴨	"	50	22	21		
Doves	鴿	each	40	22	21		
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	35	18	—		
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞蛋	lb.	38	25	20		
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	72	36	24		
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	lb.	58	25	24		
Geese							
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	48	24	24		
" Hothow	鴿	each	50	80	—		
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	40	28	—		
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	lb.	75	—	—		
Snipe	沙鷄	each	62	61	45		
Pheasant	山雞	pair	2.60	—	—		
Quail	鶉	each	50	—	—		
Partridges	鶉	"	1.00	—	—		
Fruits.							
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85	85	—		
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	80	26	—		
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	"	6	4	—		
Carambols	楊桃	"	—	12	—		
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10		
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	25	80		
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	13	8	—		
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	80	25	80		
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	18	—	—		
Oranges	橙	"	24	—	15		
Pears (Canton)	梨沙	"	20	—	—		
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12		
Peralimmons, Large	紅柿	"	—	12	—		
Plantain	大蕉	"	5	8	—		
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	16	12	6		
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	20	—	10		
Grapes	葡萄	"	60	—	—		
Vegetables, &c.							
Artichokes	莖菜	each	12	—	2		
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	5	—	7		
" Long	豆	"	8	—	—		
Beet Root	甜菜	"	12	—	—		
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	"	6	24	—		
Brinjals, Green	青茄	"	15	5	8		
" Red	紅茄	"	6	5	8		
Cabbage, Chinese	白菜	"	8	—	—		
(Shanghai)	上海白菜	"	12	12	—		
Cane Shoots	竹筴	"	10	—	—		
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	20	—	—		
(Medium)	中花椰菜	"	16	—	—		
(Small)	小花椰菜	"	14	6	6		
Carrots	金邊	lb.	6	5	6		
Celery, Chinese	美芹	"	10	10	6		
Chillies, Dried	辣紅	"	15	25	5		
" Red	紅辣	"	10	10	10		
" Green	青辣	"	8	8	12		
Curry Stuff, English	印度香料	"	10	8	—		
Cucumbers	黃瓜	"	10	2	—		
Garlic	蒜	"	10	6	6		
Ginger, Young	薑	"	7	7	—		
" Old	老薑	"	7	10	—		
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海辣根	"	25	8	4		
Indian Corn	粟米	"	8	45	—		
Lettuce	生菜	"	6	1	—		
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	"	8	—	8		
" Mandarin	荸薺	"	10	—	8		
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	"	—	8	—		
Okraes	茄子	"	10	8	10		
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	"	6	4	6		
" Green	青蔥	"	8	6	—		
" Shanghai	上海蔥	"	15	60	8		
Paraley	芥菜	"	5	3	—		
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	"	4	3	—		
" Japanese	日本薯	"	—	3	—		
" American	美國薯	"	5	4	4		
Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	5	—	—		
Radish	蘿蔔	"	15	—	10		
Rhubarb (Fresh)	紅蘿蔔	"	6	8	—		
Shallots	蔥	"	12	4	—		
Spinach	菠菜	"	5	7	—		
Tomatoes	番茄	"	6	6	—		
Taro	芋頭	"	6	4	—		
Turnips, Puncti (Long)	長根	"	6	—	—		
Vegetable Marrow	西蘭花	"	6	15	—		
Water Cress	水芹	"	6	15	—		
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	"	6	15	—		

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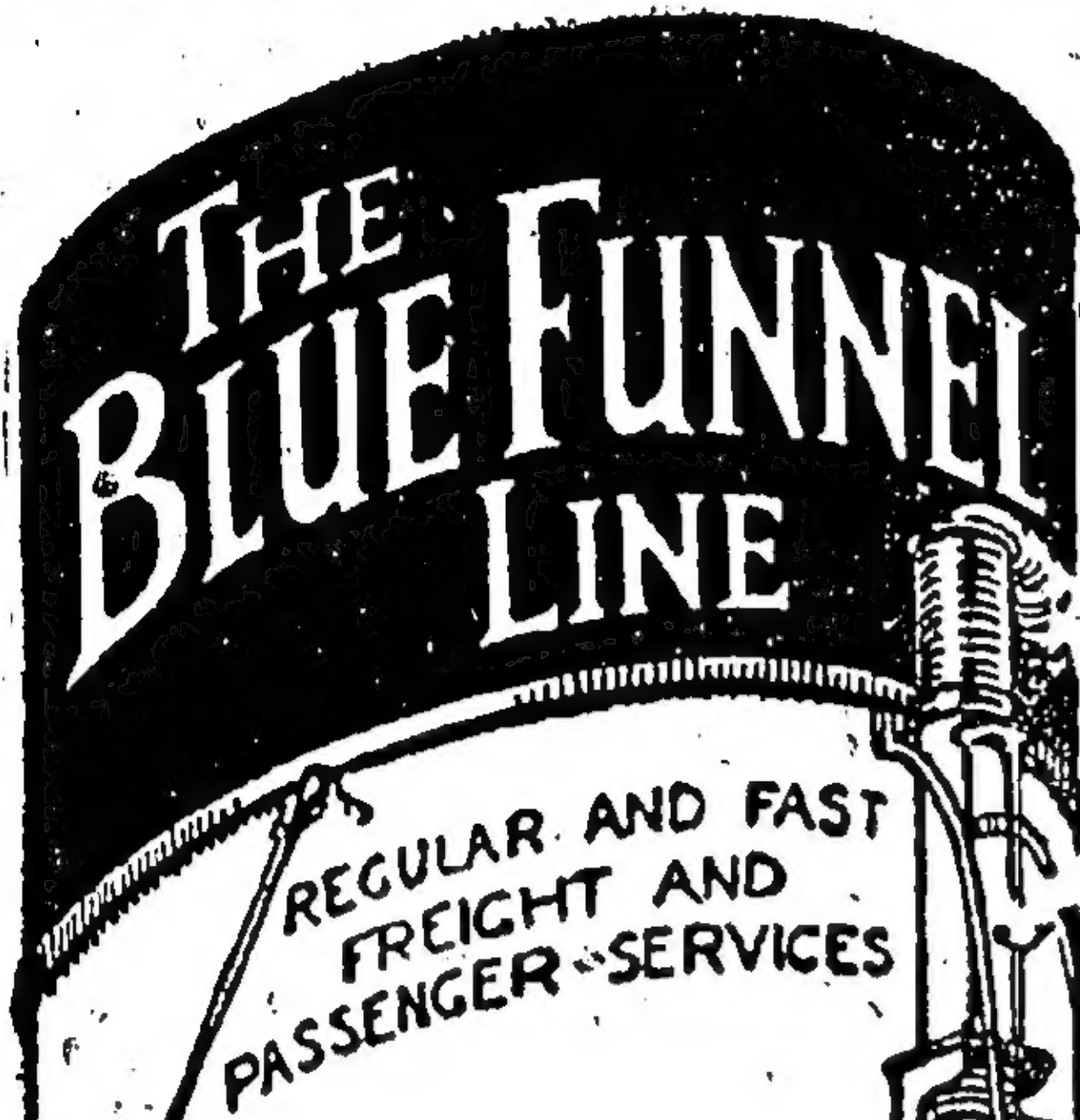
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EXPULSION FROM SCHOOL.

Boy Who Nursed
a Cat.

FATHER WINS ACTION.

A boy's expulsion from a school in Switzerland was the subject of an action at Wandsworth County Court on January 12, when Mr. Walter J. A. Skinner, of Chartfield Avenue, Putney Hill, was awarded 50 guineas and costs for breach of contract against Mr. W. Channing Pearce, proprietor and head master of Alpine College, Argyres-sur-Bex.

Mr. Skinner complained that his son was expelled summarily without justifiable cause.

Mr. C. Gallop (for Mr. Skinner) said that Mr. Pearce had endeavoured to justify his action by relying upon the following rule printed in his prospectus:—

"The head master reserves to himself the right to demand the removal of any boy whose influence he may consider detrimental to the school and no fees paid on behalf of such boy are returnable."

Before going to Switzerland, said Mr. Gallop, Ronald Skinner, as a result of two serious motor-cycling accidents, had suffered from concussion which had made him rather nervous. Mr. Pearce was aware of these facts and that the boy required strict and careful handling.

At the end of five weeks, he said, Mr. Pearce called Ronald into his study and said that his general conduct had not been satisfactory, and that he must leave for England that night. Eventually Mr. Pearce sent him to a school at Lausanne and wrote to the boy's father stating what he had done.

Boy's Evidence.

Ronald Skinner, giving evidence, said that on one occasion he was turned out of a classroom because he had nursed a cat on his knee. Complaint had also been made that he had used bad language, but he had never done so in the presence of younger boys.

Mr. Pearce, who is a B.A. and a former Exhibitioner of Worcester College, Oxford, said that Skinner was slack and very backward. He had used bad language, borrowed money from other boys, and his influence was detrimental to the school. A meeting of the masters and prefects came to the unanimous opinion that Skinner must go at once.

Judge Harrington, giving judgment, said that Mr. Pearce was

EARL HAIG STATUE.

SCULPTOR BOWS TO "TRUE-TO-LIFE" SCHOOL.

A new model of the equestrian statue of the late Field-Marshal Haig, which it is proposed shall be erected in Whitehall, has been completed by Mr. A. J. Hardiman, the sculptor.

It has been on view in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords beside the original model which failed to secure the approval of Lady Haig, and which was criticised by military colleagues of the field-marshal, and by members of the public.

The first model received great praise in artistic circles, but in his new effort Mr. Hardiman has capitulated to the "true-to-life" school.

The original charger was a massive creature with the girth, legs, and neck of a carthorse, and the head of a pony, according to the "true-to-life" school.

There is radical alteration in the new horse, which is an English hunter of the type that Earl Haig really rode. It is a delicate limbed animal equipped with cavalry saddlery, complete with martingale and holsters.

The features of Haig are almost unaltered.

HOW TO LIVE LONG.

DOCTOR ON OCCUPATIONS TO FOLLOW.

"There are some occupations which obviously tend to shorten lives," said Dr. Bernard Hollander in a lecture in London, on "The Prolongation of Life and Youthfulness."

"The medical man's average duration of life is decidedly low," he added. "Only successful lawyers appear to attain a great age, as may be seen in the case of many of our Judges."

"Humorists, philosophers, historians, and highly intellectual people, in general, appear to live long. The group which presents the weakest side of longevity is that of the novelists, dramatists, and poets, probably because they lead, used to lead, more irregular lives."

not justified in expelling the boy from school without the knowledge of the parents; without having made a demand that the boy should be removed, and without having complained to the parents of the boy's conduct.

The boy's conduct, he said, was certainly not such as to justify instant dismissal because many of the things complained of were really of a trivial kind.

AMERICA'S NEW CITIZENS.

Removal of Cause of Friction.
MILITARY SERVICE.

Washington, Jan. 9.

The United States has signed a treaty with 22 other nations to prevent naturalised Americans and their children from being impressed into the armies of their ancestral homelands, Secretary of State Stimson has announced.

America's signature to the document, drafted last Summer at the Hague Conference for the codification of international law, was written by the American Minister in Bern, Switzerland. The agreement will come into full effect when ratified by the party nations. Col. Stimson predicted it would be presented to the U.S. Senate soon.

The treaty is expected to eliminate what has been a frequent cause of international friction in the past. In a number of instances naturalised Americans or their children, visiting abroad, have been drafted into the armies of their former nations, under whose laws they still were citizens. This practice sometimes has led to the exchange of sharp notes between those countries and the State Department.

Leading Nations Sign.

Although the Hague Protocol was not adhered to universally, it was signed by many of the leading nations of Europe, particularly those which have sent large numbers of emigrants to the United States. The signatories include France, Germany and Great Britain. A unilateral agreement regarding dual nationality was entered into between the United States and Italy some time ago.

A salient article of the treaty stated:—

"1. A person possessing two or more nationalities who habitually resides in one of the countries whose nationality he possesses, and who is in fact most closely connected with that country, shall be exempt from all military obligations in the other country or countries."

"This exemption may involve the loss of the nationality of the other country or countries."

The protocol was signed by Germany, Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, and Northern Ireland, Irish Free State, India, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Greece, Mexico, The Netherlands, Peru, Portugal, Salvador, Uruguay and the United States. —United Press.

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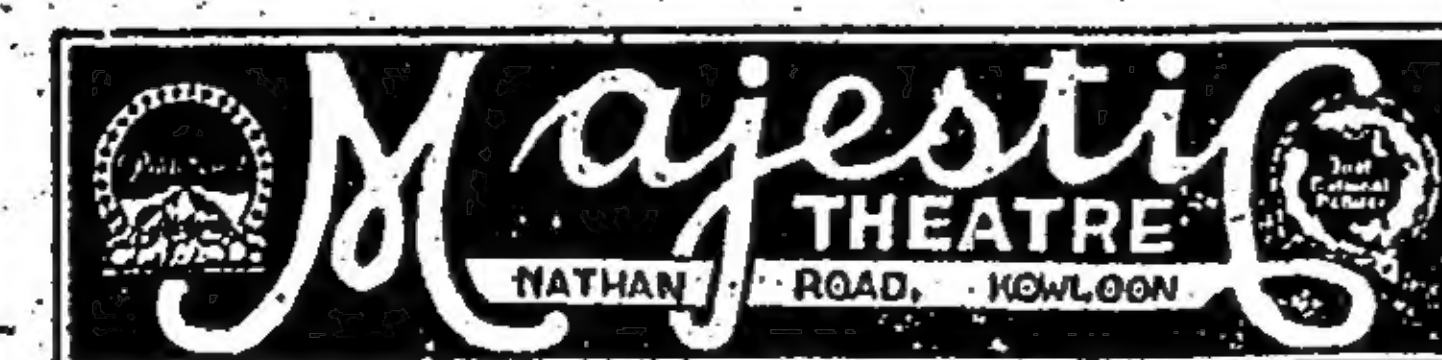
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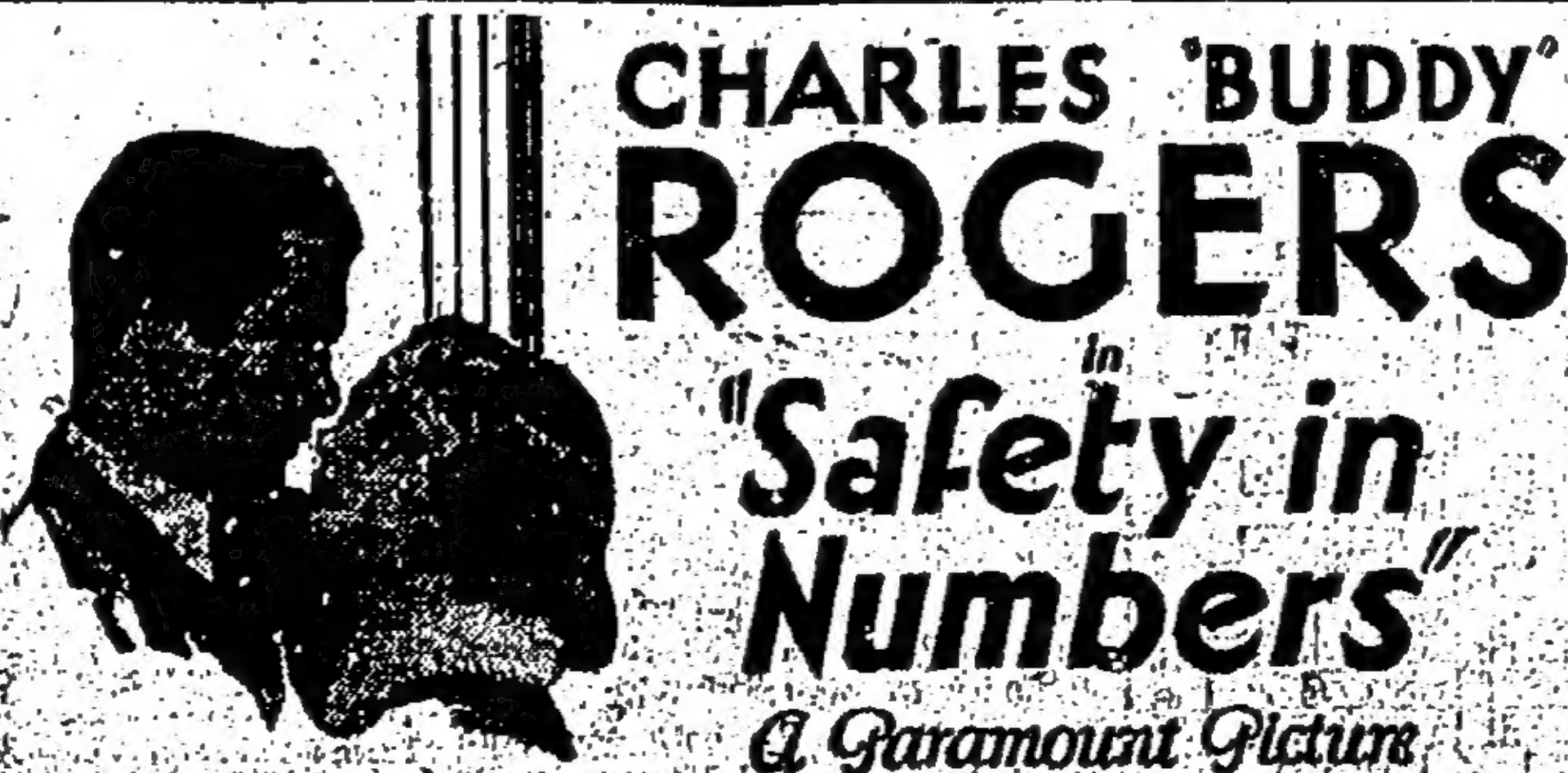
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